

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Robinson G

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF PALMER,

AND OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year  
Ending March 1, 1897.

...

PALMER, MASS.:  
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & COMPANY.  
1897.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

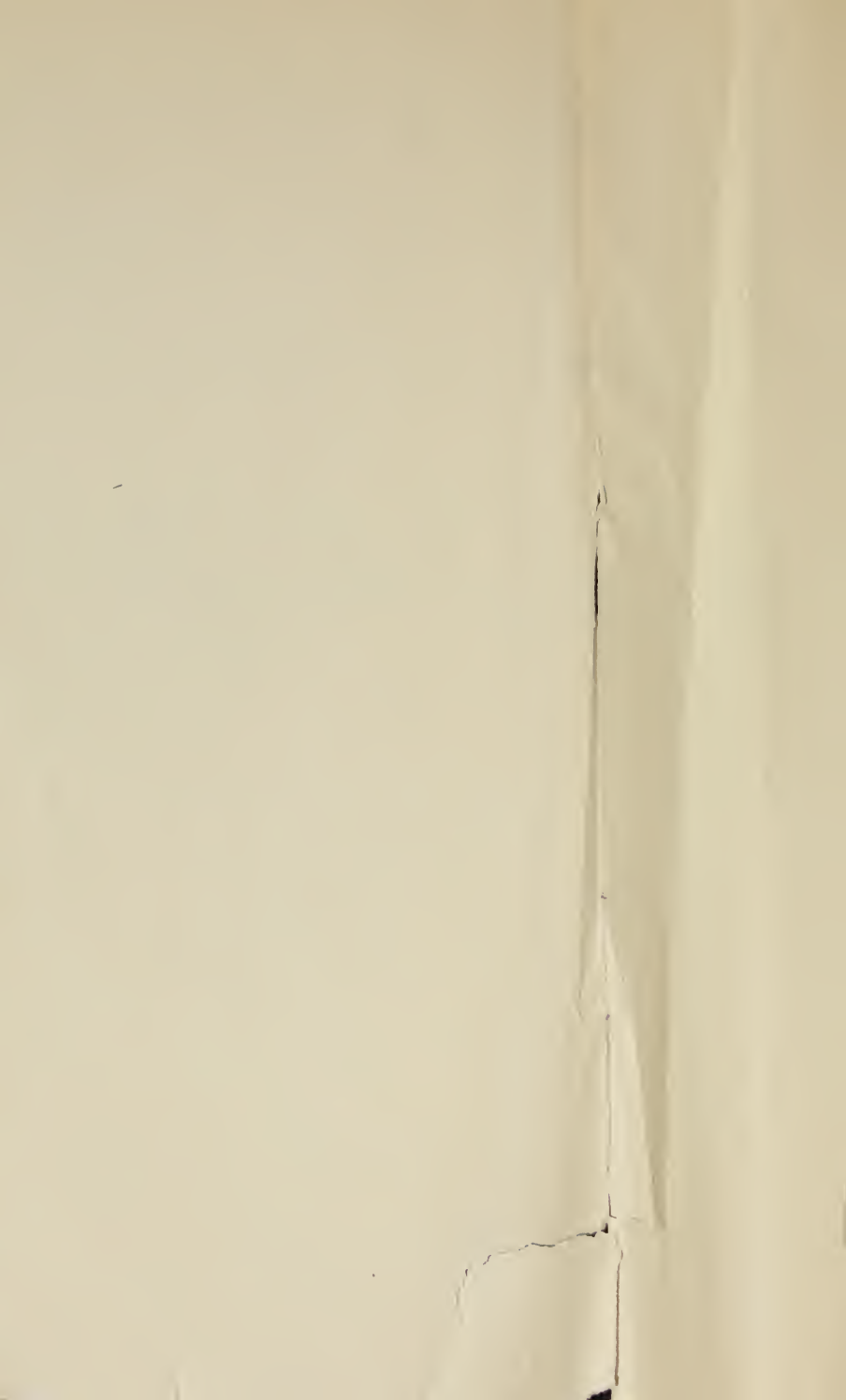
## TOWN OF PALMER,

AND OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year  
Ending March 1, 1897.



PALMER, MASS.:  
PRESS OF C. B. FISKE & COMPANY.  
1897.



# Town Officers, 1896.

---

## Selectmen.

JOHN F. TWISS, Chairman.

CHARLES T. BRAINERD,

GEORGE M. ATKINS.

## Assessors.

HARRY T. BISHOP,

ANDREW A. WARRINER.

JOHN O. HAMILTON,

## Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM MERRIAM, Chairman,

Term expires 1899.

RUFUS L. BOND,

" " 1897.

HARRY T. BISHOP,

" " 1898.

## Town Clerk and Treasurer.

JAMES B. SHAW.

## School Committee.

WILLIAM A. BRECKENRIDGE,

Term expires 1899.

CHARLES H. HOBBS,

" " 1899.

REV. HERBERT F. MOULTON,

" " 1898.

REV. WILLIAM H. HART, Chairman,

" " 1898.

FRANK A. RUGGLES,

" " 1897.

LEWIS R. HOLDEN,

" " 1897.

## Board of Health.

DR. WILLIAM HOLBROOK, Chairman,

Term expires 1899.

DR. WILBUR H. BLISS,

" " 1897.

## Tax Collector.

HERBERT A. NORTHROP.

## Auditors.

CHARLES K. GAMWELL,

SAMUEL H. HELLYAR.

## Constables.

SAMUEL BROWN,

JOHN F. LUMAN,

HERBERT A. NORTHROP,

MICHAEL COLLINS,

JAMES J. MANNING.

## Fence Viewers.

SAMUEL BROWN,

KING KNOX,

PURLIN M. SHEARER.



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2015

# Assessors' Report for 1896-7.

---

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Salaries of school teachers,	\$13,000.00
Care of schoolhouses,	1,000 00
Contingencies and superintendent's salary,	2,200.00
Text books and supplies,	700.00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	300.00
Fuel,	1,300.00
Drawing,	400.00
Transportation of pupils,	2,000.00
Contingencies,	3,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Highways,	6,000.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Sewers and culverts,	400.00
New bridges Thorndike and Bondsville,	1,300.00
Support of poor,	6,000.00
Contingent fund,	500.00
Young Men's Library Association,	1,000.00
Memorial Day,	100.00
Street lights,	5,000.00
Shade trees,	50.00
L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R.,	300.00
Sewers Thorndike and Main street, Depot,	1600.00
Extension Central street sewer,	100.00
Night police,	1,600.00
Grade Bourn street, Three Rivers,	300.00
Addition to cemetery, Depot,	800.00
Liquor prosecution,	600.00
Sidewalks,	500.00
	<hr/>
	\$52,850.00

Total appropriations,	\$52,850.00
County tax, 1896,	3,994.98
State tax, 1896,	2,030.00
Abolition of grade crossing at Blanchardville, Tenneyville and Breckenridge crossings,	1,002.00
Interest,	40.08
	<hr/>
	\$59,917.06
Overlay,	313.24
Non-resident bank tax on collector's book,	1,767.99
	<hr/>
	\$61,998.29

---

VALUATION FOR 1896.

Personal,	\$775,002.00	
Resident bank stock,	25,410.00	\$800,412.00
Real estate, buildings,	1,433,504.00	
Real, estate land,	482,883.00	\$1,916,337.00
		<hr/>
		\$2,716,749.00

Number of polls, 1896, 1724.

Tax on polls, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1,000, \$20.90.

H. T. BISHOP,	} <i>Assessors</i>
JOHN O. HAMILTON,	
A. A. WARRINER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Palmer.</i>



# APPROPRIATIONS OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1896.

For water,	\$1,000.00
Firemen's salaries,	400.00
Janitor,	96.00
Engineer,	50.00
Stoker,	20.00
Coal,	40.00
Chief Engineer,	150.00
First Assistant,	25.00
Second Assistant,	20.00
Clerk and Treasurer,	25.00
Contingencies,	200.00
	<hr/>
	\$2,026.00
Overlayings,	89.99
	<hr/>
	\$2,115.99

## VALUATION OF FIRE DISTRICT, 1896.

Personal,	\$170,649
Real estate,	837,617
	<hr/>
Rate per \$1,000, \$2.10.	\$1,008,266

H. T. BISHOP,	} <i>Assessors</i>
JOHN O. HAMILTON,	
A. A. WARRINER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Palmer.</i>

# Town Clerk's Report.

---

RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

Number of births,	213
“ “ deaths,	131
“ “ marriages,	86
“ “ marriage certificates issued,	81
“ “ chattel mortgages,	24
“ “ assignments,	4
“ “ notices of attachment,	4
“ “ married women's certificates,	1

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. B. SHAW, *Town Clerk.*

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1	Mary.	——— and Nellie Fitzgerald.
3	Joseph N.	Cornelius and Annie Paquette.
5	Wilhelmina G.	Richard N. and Clara E. Westcott.
7	Frank.	Arthur and Jennie Molleur.
8	Raymond.	John and Mary Reilly.
8	Frank.	Joseph and Carolina Beual.
11	Frederick.	Teddy and Katie Grote.
13	Daniel T.	Thomas and Hannah Quirk.
18	Sarah Jane.	Thomas and Sarah Jane Ritchie.
23	Marshall L.	N. S. and Josie Ingram.
26	David J.	David and Kate M. Downey.
28	John Francis.	John and Mary Coruski.
31	Joseph.	Blasei and Ludorica Dykai.
31	Alexander S.	William and Jane Harper.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Feb. 2	Felicia.	Frank and Annie Gladys.
2	Gladys.	Alex and Pauline Gowing.
4	John.	John and Frances Runack.
4	Catherine.	Peter and Mary Wyzza.
4	John.	Wikzty and Theresa Rys.
4	Annie.	Jacob and Annie S. Murah.
5	Joseph H.	Joseph and Victoria Picard.
7	Joseph.	Albert and Susa Rusak.
8	William J.	William and Mary Reed.
13	Helen M.	Herbert A. and S. Jane Stevens.
14	Omer.	Moise and Elzvie O. Malhoit.
14	Algena.	Sinai and Rebecca B. Dionne.
15	Theresa.	John and Annie Miller.
15	Marion.	Lawrence and Bridget Sullivan.
16	Isaac.	Thomas and Margaret Brown.
16	——— Brown.	Thomas and Margaret Brown.
17	Robert A.	Abram and Mary Swain.
17	Elmiee.	Joseph and Mathilda P. Beauliere.
18	James M.	J. B. and Della Longwill.
19	James.	James and Jose Dufresne.
20	Michael.	Michael and Annie Donohoe.
24	Mary A.	Daniel and Johanna Lusty.
24	Cordelia.	Albert and Joseph O. Belair.
25	Charles L.	Charles and Lizzie Bannister.
26	Elien.	John and Katie Keating.
26	Eva.	Fred and Delphine Bresette.
27	Merrick Woolrich.	S. H. and Lizzie G. Hellyar.
27	Lina.	Francis and Rosa A. Genard.
29	John Marie.	J. Bte. and Emelie.
Mch. 1	Alice A.	Samuel and Mary Turkington.
2	Lion.	Lion and Alda Leveille.
3	Ellen.	Thomas and Mary Foley.
4	Charles.	Charles and Lizzie Mumford.
12	Rose Alma.	David and Exilda Brault.
13	John.	John and Victoria Smola.
16	Patrick.	John and Bridget
18	Rose Anna.	Israel and Delima Belisle.
19	Joseph A.	Arthur and Loise Chapot.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Mch. 20	Rudolph.	Albert and Goyshia Skora.
28	Helene.	Henry and Julia Armita.
29	Bridget.	Kasper and Amelia Banazh.
Apr. 5	Stanislas.	Joseph and Annie Mihouski.
6	Ruth S.	Ernest and Lena Buffington.
6	Lazaire.	Lazaire and Elise St. Amaut.
8	Marie G.	Louis and Lucy Dubois.
10	Nellie.	Eaziril and Katie Brooks.
12	Stephanie.	Stanislas and Sophia Chruatek.
15	Helen P.	Frank H. and Lena Lamb.
15	Frank.	Joseph and Virginia Miller.
16	Catherine.	Adams and Agnes Topoz.
17	Ellen.	James and Kate Cossey.
19	Sophia.	Joseph and Cora Ligaza.
20	Daniel.	Arthur and Kate Gloster.
22	James Crean.	James Crean and Susan Harrington.
24	Edna S.	DeWitt and Emily Richards.
25	Joseph A.	Louis and Elmena Bolduc.
26	Margaret.	Dennis and Ellen Devine.
26	Albert.	Gideon and Denisa Samson.
28	Frances.	Antona and Paulena Whisga.
May 1	Lida.	Edward and Adelaide Malhoit.
2	Francis.	David and Nellie Gregoire.
4	Kamelia.	Alphonse and Adie Faneau.
5	Henry Brock.	E. H. and A. M. Rollius.
5	Frances.	John and Mary Babitt.
6	Joseph.	Joseph and Anna Robidouse.
7	Thomas Leslie.	Arthur B. and Cora Cowan.
7	Joseph A.	Narcisse and Marie Maithe.
9	John.	James and Matilda Stevens.
11	Thomas Edward.	Alphonse and Liza Gaudreau.
12	George Winifred.	A. E. and Laura W. Fitch.
15	Joseph Arthur.	John and R. Domini.
24	Gertrude A. V. A.	James A. and Marion R. Hamilton.
25	William H.	Samuel J. and Sarah A. Metcalf.
26	Mary.	Michael and Armie Malaska.
29	William Raymond.	John and Mary Conway.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
June 1	William.	Richard and Mary Caillier.
10	Frederick.	Michael and Ann Docktor.
10	Michael.	Michael and Honora Manning.
10	Mary.	—— and Julia Wallace.
12	John Daniel.	J. F. and J. Hartnett.
13	William.	Henri and Rose Viens.
14	Baby.	Cornelius and Nora Harrington.
14	Josie.	Jacob and Edwerga Vitol.
16	George.	Frederick and Eloise LaFreniere.
16	Agnes.	Joseph and Mariane Beckda.
20	Dorothy.	C. F. and Ermina Stimson.
20	Marjory.	C. F. and Ermina Stimson.
21	Kate.	John and Annie Rouwanik.
22	Mary.	Albert and Annie Wilk.
July 1	Rose Agnes.	Thomas and Mary Boyle.
2	Daniel.	Daniel W. and Mary Sullivan.
3	Robert Lovett.	Wm. E. and Mary McDonald.
3	Charles Eugene.	Frank E. and Nellie J. Elmer.
7	Martin.	James and Mary Brosnan.
9	Joseph.	Fred and Minnie Spencer.
11	Blanche.	Arsene and B. Richard.
11	Aurore.	Joseph and Rose Lapolice.
17	Adolph H.	Moses and Emma Winters.
21	James.	Timothy and Nora Keefe.
23	Karol.	Karol and Mary Szeffcsyk.
24	Ruth E.	Harry and Maggie Graves.
26	Mary.	Patrick and Bridget Kennedy.
Aug. 3	Katherine Irene.	Peter J. and Mary Cahill.
3	Gilbert.	Urbane and Annie Pare.
4	Nellie.	Mike and Annie Sinsdak.
5	John.	Stanie and Aurolonia Roumanik.
6	Margaret A.	Thomas and Nellie Cullen.
8	Lucy Esther.	Harry L. and Lilla Ryther.
8	Edith.	John F. and Nellie Twiss.
9	Lena May.	George and Deleno Keith.
10	Winifred.	Joseph and Clara LeFountain.
10	Marian L.	George W. and Bertha M. Cross.
12	Francis.	Daniel and Mary Horrigan.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Aug. 13	Joseph.	Martin and Kate Szepislock.
13	Edward Woods.	Edward and Mary Henderson.
14	Frances Hoyt.	Louis E. and Emma L. Chandler.
14	Alice G.	William and Mattie McCormick.
16	Lemont.	John M. and Lottie Lambert.
16	John B.	John B. and Alphonsine Boutotte.
17	Julia.	Thomas and Barbara Fyst.
18	Ahilid.	John and Carola Shaplaska.
20	Antoine.	Edward and Mary Halley.
21	Joseph L.	Euclide and Euginie Poitras.
22	Herbert Leon.	Asa and Alice Gates.
23	Marie.	Jno. Bte. and Melina Lapointe.
30	Joseph A.	Adelor and Alida Paquett.
31	Kate.	Rodolph and Victoria Scorrea.
Sept. 2	Frances.	Charles and Hannah Huling.
2	William F.	Richard and Flora Laplant.
7	Mary A.	Fred W. and Mary Darling.
8	Victoria.	John and Annie Scyzel.
8	Kobus.	Joseph and Mary Kobus.
9	Joseph Albert.	Pierre and Georgianna Bleau.
11	Peter.	Peter and Georgianna Lehoulier. <del>THE</del>
13	Fanny Eliza.	William M. and Lydia Butterfield.
13	Margaret.	John and Mary Connor.
13	Chester Gordon.	Alexander and Annie Sanford.
16	Alice.	David and Elizabeth Ritchie.
16	Eliza.	M. J. and Eliza Sullivan.
17	Lizzie.	Michael and Mary Rosik.
17	Nellie.	James and Ellen Pevirall.
19	Nellie G.	Thomas and Mary A. Callahan.
21	Joseph.	J. and Eva Poro.
23	Joseph.	Joseph and Exzilda Fortier.
23	Charles A.	Charles and Rosa Lamey.
23	James.	Maurice and Mary Moriarty. <del>3 STE</del>
25	Benjamin.	Albert and Annie Butler.
27	Florence M.	Charles and Elizabeth Freak.
28	Franklin E.	Franklin and Josephine Young.
28	M. Bernardette.	W. and Adona Francour.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Oct. 2	John.	John and Nellie McGrath.
5	Aurore.	Leon J. and Orilla Henrichon.
7	Arthur.	Joseph and Marie Rouillard.
13	Arthur.	W. and Georgianna Chaudounet.
15	William John.	William and Eliza Mager.
17	Raymond E.	Dwight and Viola Cooley.
17	Stanny.	Albert and Adonna Kratick.
19	John Bryan.	Maurice J. and Mary Moriarty.
19	Baby Smith.	George and Julia Smith.
20	Baby Reddle.	Adam and Mary Reddle.
20	Skizyniz.	Albert and Zophia Pouzley.
22	Rose E.	Willie and Amelia Lariviere.
24	——— Picard.	Joseph and Vectoria Picard.
26	John Daniel.	Patrick and Mary Keye.
26	Bridget.	Ambrose and Rosa Zotik.
31	Howard Earl.	Thomas J. and Sarah Dwyer.
31	Ralph T.	Arthur W. and Catherine Warriner.
Nov. 1	Eva.	Pierre and Odile Ouimet.
3	Raymond Louis.	John L. and Mary J. Wilder.
9	Annie.	Charles and Bridget Pitko.
10	Eleanor.	Thomas and Bridget Cavanaugh.
11	Etton Royston	Charles and Affa Alden.
12	Alfred.	Joseph and Mary Cautin.
13	Lewis E.	D. Eugene and Elsie Marcy.
14	Andrew.	Michael and Mary Sullivan.
16	——— Zaktouski.	Joseph and Antonia Zatouski.
16	——— Zaktouski.	Joseph and Antonia Zatouski.
21	Mary.	Joseph and Rosehanna Castledine.
22	Fayette.	Fred and Jessie Thompson.
23	Ethel May.	Jason L. and Lillian Palmer.
27	Catherine.	Phelleppe and Victoria Misiaszek.
29	Nellie Gertrude.	John and Nellie T. Shea.
30	Alda.	Louis and Josephine Vendette.
Dec. 2	Martha Frances.	Daniel and Martha O'Brien.
3	David.	Charles and Adele Dubois.
8	Joseph.	Leo and Kate Forster.
12	Rudolph A.	Rudolph and Anna St. John.
14	Mina.	Albert and Bessie Wittkin.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Dec. 14	George Arthur.	George and Flora Bennett.
16	Patrick.	John and Bridget McKelleget.
19	Poldydor.	Louis and Elodie Morin.
20	Joseph E.	Joseph and Melvina Chabot.
20	Imogene.	Wm. H. and Annie Osborne.
23	Walter Earle.	Mic and Kate Doyle.
23	Mootla V.	Adelaid and Olive Marsau.
27	Henry Ward.	Henry J. and Grace Fisher.
27	Marie Alda.	Napoleon and Adelaide Croteau.
27	Mary.	——— and Mary Koustaka.
29	Marie E.	Delphis and Eugenie Dupont.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1896.

DATE.	GROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 10.	Jason L. Palmer,	Palmer,	Lilian Cleveland,	Palmer
	18. Joseph Kapionos,	Bondsville,	Apolonia Bigda,	Bondsville
	24. Fred Spencer,	Belchertown,	Minnie Dominie,	Three Rivers
	28. Thomas Cullen,	Palmer,	Ellen Londugan,	Worcester
Feb. 5.	Simon Dionne,	Bondsville,	Rebecca Baulieux,	Bondsville
	8. Mathew Cwilk,	Bondsville,	Margaret Bolland,	Bondsville
	16. Maurice Driscoll,	Boston,	Rose A. Dempsey,	No. Wilbraham
	17. David Riel,	Thorndike,	Maline Daniels,	Thorndike
	17. Trefle Maynard,	Three Rivers,	Rilla King,	Three Rivers
	19. Arza Gunnell,	Spencer,	Jennie C. Chamberlain,	Spencer
	21. Arthur B. Murphy,	Quincy,	Elizabeth F. Shea,	Quincy
	26. Arthur S. King,	Monson,	Mabel E. Knight,	Monson
Mar. 11.	Warren E. Reed,	Palmer,	Mary F. Joselin,	Barre
	25. Howard R. Barber,	Springfield,	Lulu J. Whitney,	Springfield
Apr. 5.	Ulderia Courtemache,	Three Rivers,	Ormandia La Francis,	Three Rivers
	13. Fred Henrichon,	Three Rivers,	Elizabeth LaMairche,	Three Rivers
	14. John Shea,	Bondsville,	Nellie T. Sullivan,	Bondsville
	20. Louis Merriam,	Three Rivers,	Diana Collins,	Three Rivers
	20. Fred Favereau,	Three Rivers,	Emma Harness,	Three Rivers
	22. John T. Shea,	Bondsville,	Mary A. Ryan,	Bondsville
	28. John F. Garrihan,	Bondsville,	Catherine O'Connor,	Bondsville
May 2.	James A. Caverly,	Chester,	Lena T. Lyman,	Chester
	2. Jacob Souchnick,	Three Rivers,	Rosie Zensick,	Three Rivers
	9. Jacob Worst,	Three Rivers,	Julia Frolic,	Three Rivers
	13. Joseph Krysiok,	Three Rivers,	Marcina Lasih,	Three Rivers
	16. William Frederick,	Bondsville,	Nellie Tenshaw,	Bondsville
	16. Eugene LaRiviere,	Three Rivers,	Rosanna Harnois,	Three Rivers
	25. Alfred Maynard,	Bondsville,	Mary Dugas,	Three Rivers
	26. William A. Herran,	Three Rivers,	Lizzie Korf,	Three Rivers
	26. William F. Blackmer,	Ludlow,	Lizzie M. Hartney,	Wilbraham
June 3.	John Griffin,	Thorndike,	Lizzie A. Keefe,	Thorndike
	5. Kazimie Ramonik,	Thorndike,	Mary Grozouszajaska,	Thorndike
	6. Albert Keskac,	Three Rivers,	Alla Amnek,	West Warren
	20. Muzon Jan,	Bondsville,	Mary Kijlok,	Bondsville
	24. John H. Manning,	Three Rivers,	Nellie Quirk,	Bondsville
	27. John Murphy,	Thorndike,	Bessie Lynch,	Thorndike
	28. John Grain,	Worcester,	Margaret Murphy,	Palmer
	29. William E. Andrews,	Thorndike,	Minnie V. Jillson,	Thorndike
	29. William Carroll,	Holyoke,	Katherine V. McCarthy,	Thorndike
July 9.	James Malloy,	Three Rivers,	Lizzie Riddle,	Three Rivers
	16. James F. Ross,	East Londmeadow,	Mary A. Blanchard,	Palmer
	23. Edwin F. Stone,	Bondsville,	Georgia E. Bryant,	Maine
	29. Samuel W. Allyn,	Holyoke,	Emma L. Lent,	Palmer
Aug. 1.	John Toper,	Bondsville,	Polly Ozga,	Three Rivers
	4. Charles M. Kempton,	Palmer,	Ora L. Shumway,	Bondsville
	12. Frank W. Washburn,	Palmer,	Flora A. Fiske,	Palmer
	22. Albert Bigdo,	Thorndike,	Julia Carnna,	Thorndike
	25. Mitchell Bernby,	Bondsville,	Rosa Champagne,	Bondsville
	29. Henry Bergson,	Palmer,	Ellen Johnson,	Worcester
Sept. 2.	Charles D. Holden,	Bondsville,	Charlotte L. Bray,	Palmer
	5. George Vishnoski,	Bondsville,	Julia Colegely,	Bondsville
	5. William Burnett,	Palmer,	Lucy Shaw,	Palmer
	10. Dennis J. Hallissy,	Holyoke,	Mary Keely,	Holyoke

DATE.	GROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Sept. 12.	Charles Witkos,	Three Rivers,	Eva Czaprena,	Three Rivers
	14. Theophile German,	South Hadley,	Mary Durant,	Palmer
	26. John Tie,	Thorndike,	Katie Waskiezic,	Thorndike
	26. Michael Port,	Thorndike,	Katie Zealenska,	Thorndike
	26. Joseph Kos,	Bondsville,	Mary Kos,	Bondsville
	27. Arthur Jarvis,	Three Rivers,	Ermantine Marrier,	Three Rivers
	30. Herbert J. Morgan,	Wilbraham,	Mina Moran,	Palmer
Oct.	3. Wlodglor Pictaesl,	Three Rivers,	Mary Baryaka,	Three Rivers
	3. Wojcieck Dziok,	Thorndike,	Stanis Mruska,	Thorndike
	7. Omer W. Marcy,	Palmer,	Lottie L. Hobbs,	Monson
	8. George H. Lamb,	Palmer,	Ellen M. Millen,	Palmer
	13. Milton M. Brown,	Monson,	Frances E. Blanchard,	Palmer
	14. George E. Childs,	Palmer,	Mabel Weeks,	Athol
	15. Piote Bigea,	Chicopee Falls,	Eurelenoe Junasepke,	Bondsville
	17. Michael Motyka,	Three Rivers,	Zofi Maskoil,	Three Rivers
	21. Charles H. Bernard,	Palmer.	Alexandria Vincent,	Springfield
	26. W. Brossard,	Bondsville,	Lena Brodeau,	Bondsville
Nov.	2. Wm. Henry McComb,	Springfield,	Sara E. Moulton,	Springfield
	5. Frank Thayer,	Monson,	Addie Stebbins,	Monson
	7. Mikel Kreugtona,	Bondsville,	Mary Padgkuta,	Bondsville
	7. John Krell,	Bondsville,	Sophia Westel,	Bondsville
	7. Michael Ungadlik,	Three Rivers,	Zafia Krat	Three Rivers
	15. Thomas O'Connor,	Three Rivers,	Mary Meade,	Three Rivers
	23. Mesael Fleury,	Belchertown,	Mary LaPlante,	Palmer
	25. Will J. Dean,	Palmer,	Hattie B. Wheeler,	Palmer
	25. John Ellis,	Bondsville,	Jennie Harris,	Bondsville
	25. John F. Dawson,	Palmer,	Minnie E. Dunn,	Monson
	25. John Onimet,	Ware,	Clara Mongeau,	Thorndike
Dec.	5. Henry Wistubor,	Three Rivers,	Mary Ellas,	Three Rivers
	9. George F. Soule,	Chester,	Mabel E. Smith,	Chester
	12. Henry B. Coyle,	Bondsville,	Ellany R. McKinstry,	Worcester
	19. Charles J. Chymist,	Palmer,	Abigail A. Reed,	Palmer
	29. Andrew L. Warriner,	Palmer,	Amanda H. Korff,	Three Rivers

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1896.

DATE.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	YRS.	MS.	DS
Jan. 3	Mary Fitzgerald,	Accidental Suffocation,			3
7	Sarah W. Stone,	Heart Disease,	48	8	
10	Doccie Peltier,	Anaemia,	1	2	
10	Frank Molleur,	Deformity of the Heart,			3
12	Alvena Dudley,	Croupous Laryngitis,	2	6	
13	Mildred F. Williams,	Membranous Croup,	4	5	1
14	Joseph Paquette,	Croupous Pneumonia,	4		
16	Grace Darling,	Scalded by hot water,	1	6	19
23	Louisa H. Smith,	Pneumonia,	62	9	4
23	Archie Rivers,	Premature Birth,		8 hours	
25	Vitaline Bonville,	Cholera Infantum,		3	15
26	Tgniac Witck,	Meningitis,	1	6	
27	Esther Girouard,	Consumption,	22		
28	Eva Gernou,	Croupous Laryngitis,	7		
28	Edward Shyatte,	Cholera Infantum,			12
31	Edward Bush,	Convulsions,		3	
Feb. 15	Phelippe Weobel,	Spinal Meningitis,		3	
15	Catherine Wyzga,	Convulsions,			12
16	Catherine Crimmins,	Catarrhal Phthisis,	60		
16	Dwight M. Stebbins,	Catarrhal Nephritis and Old Age,	84	6	9
18	John H. Daley,	Acute Pneumonia,		2	
24	Sophia B. Stebbins,	Shock, Nervous Prostra- tion,	77		26
Mch. 1	Angelina Dionne,	Jaundice, Teterus,			1
4	Charles Mumford,	Atelectasis,		13 hours	
4	Peter Lehoulier,	Peritonitis and Pneumo- nia as Complications,	21		
6	Luther Collis,	Cancer,	84	7	17
14	Catherine Gloster,	Marasmus,	74		
16	Delia Carroll,	Chronic Nephritis,	47		
17	Simon Monahan,	Ortes, Sarconeas, Exhaust- tion,	18		
24	Felicia Gladyez,	Erysipelas and Pneumo- nia,		2	

DATE.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	YRS.	MS.	DS
Apr. 5	Ellen Crimmins,	Acute Uraesnia,	13		
6	William Miller,	Diphtheria,	43	9	3
6	Dominique Reni,	Asthma and Heart Dis- ease,	54		
7	Joseph M. Calvin,	Cholera Infantum,		5	
9	Sophia Brown,	Pelvic Abcess, Chronic,	26		
12	Bernadette Frauquer,	Anaemia,	1	9	
14	Henry A. Christian- son,	Marasmus,			5
16	Raymond Riley,	Broncho Pneumonia,			3
23	William Allen.	Heart Disease, Shock,	69		
27	Joseph Buta,	Meningitis,		9	
29	Charles B. Miller,	Diphtheria,		8	
May 5	——— Connor,	Still Born.			
6	Lemuel H. Brigham,	Fatty Degeneration of Heart,	79	9	11
6	Cyrille Roberts,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	18		
12	Durby Connor,	Tuberculosis (Phthisis),	30		
18	Nellie L. Twiss,	Tubercular Disease, Heart Failure,	26	5	19
24	Horace C. Smith,	Bladder and Kidney,	81	7	27
25	Charles E. Dupont,	Killed by falling bridge,	6		
28	Frank Gresh,	Tubercular Meningitis,		2	
31	Eva Chicoine,	Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis),	18		
31	Morris Disley,	Skull Fractured. R. R. accident,	30		
June 3	Stephen M. Millard,	Paralysis, Acute Bron- chitis,	59		
4	David Bodfish,	Heart Failure,	74	2	
9	Wm. A. Campbell,	Pernicious Anaemia, Paralysis,	62		
10	Mary Hanley,	Partial Paralysis, General Debility caused by fall,	74		
14	David S. Esten,	Suppurative Nephritis,	75		
14	Baby Harrington,	Still Born,			
15	Hanora Harrington,	Labor, Heart Failure,	36		

DATE.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	YRS.	MS.	DS
June 19	Catherine Moriarty,	Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	22		
19	Lizzie Leary,	Acute Peritonitis,	14		
19	Mary Hamilton,	Bright's Disease,	50		
20	Joseph Rusak,	Cholera Infantum,		4	
22	Pearl E. Rhodes,	Tuberculosis,	8	17	18
27	Johanna Daley,	Paralysis,	67		
29	John Sullivan,	Consumption,	67		
29	Jane Gokay,	Dropsy,	47		
22	——— Moulton,	Still Born,			
July 4	Louisa Johnson,	Exhaustion,	22		
4	Maggie Devine,	Cholera Infantum,		1	21
9	James Sheehan,	Heart Disease,	72		
9	Edmond Babin,	Cholera Infantum,		9	
12	John Clifford,	Sunstroke,	40		
13	Rose A. Boyle,	Cerebral Congestion,			13
14	Laura E. Child,	Gangrene of Foot, Apo- plexy,	67	5	5
16	Wm. E. Hancock,	Paralysis,	68	11	10
16	Mary Saunders,	Chronic Hepolitis,	44		
16	Mary A. Learned,	Chronic Ulceration of Bowels,	50	10	
20	Jennie Herren,	Uremic Poisoning and Kidney Disease,	22		
22	Ellen Slattery,	Cholera Morbus,	80		
26	Raymond Hathering- ton,	Infantile Diarrhoea,		3	
31	Henry Decoteau,	Cholera Infantum.		7	
Aug. 4	Michael Lyons,	Consumption,	43		
4	Josie Riley,	Tuberculosis of the Larynx,	22		
8	Rosa M. Dane,	Typhoid Fever,	23	9	2
9	Agneskor Moskal,	Chronic Cellulitis After Child,	40		
11	Willard J. Butter- field,	Drowned,	15		9
11	Rolland M. Butter- field,	Drowned,	12	4	10

DATE.	NAME.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	YRS.	MS.	DS
Aug. 12	Harold A. Christian- son,	Cholera Infantum,		8	
18	Bermuda C. Belan- ger,	Cholera Infantum,		6	
20	Parmelie Dudley,	Organic Heart Disease,	35		
23	Kenneth Lamont,	Premature Birth,			7
25	Josie Manax,	Consumption,	20		
25	Franklin Blanchard,	Dysentery,	78	3	5
26	A. J. Ballard,	Killed by Cars,	30		
Sept. 8	—— Kobus,	Still Born,			
11	Mary Smith,	Bright's Disaase,	74	11	1
13	Delia Branlien,	Cholera Infantum,		7	
22	Charles C. Neff,	Typhoid Fever,	41	3	5
24	Eliza Kinnevan,	Gastric Carcinoma,	62		
25	Laura Robinski,	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	1	2	
25	Sarah J. Arnold,	Old Age, Exhaustion,	80	5	
Oct. 4	Jennie M. Laird,	Consumption,	26	9	12
7	John F. Callahan,	Cholera Infantum.	1	2	
19	Isaac Thomas,	Tuberculosis,	23		
20	—— Reddle,	Still Born.			
20	—— Smith,	Still Born,			
21	Mary Sunaski,	Gastro Enteritis,	1	3	
24	Baby Picard,	Still Born,			
27	James Richards,	Cystitis first, Nephritis second,	74	6	10
Nov. 3	Joseph Fountain,	Accidental Drowning,	54		
13	Delia B. Bechard,	Gastro Enteritis,		4	
13	Clarence H. Heaton,	Consumption	24	3	20
16	—— Zaktouski,	Inanition,		$\frac{1}{2}$ hour	
16	—— Zaktouski,	New Disease,		At Birth	
20	Anna C. Barlow,	Consumption,	28	8	4
21	Louisa Trumble,	Nerve and Heart Failure, Softening of the Brain,	73	9	18
27	Michael Rusik,	Gastro Enteritis,		2	
28	Rosa Alma Rouil- lard,	Membraneous Croup,	2	2	
28	William Tanner,	Bright's Disease,	66		
30	John Coughlin,	Accidental Drowning,	28		

DATE.	NANE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	YRS.	MS.	DS
Dec. 6	Stephen J. Miller,	Croup,	5	9	
7	Porter T. Jenks,	Consumption,	39	8	3
8	Lorenzo W. Bond,	Asthma, General Break- ing Down,	76	7	25
13	Lucinda Goodwill,	Enteritis,	87	1	26
14	Mary L. Walsh,	Consumption,	25	11	
18	Robert L. Wilcox,	Rheumatic Pericarditis,	11		
20	Alma Pettier,	Pleurisy,	1	5	
21	Isaac Brown,	Meningitis,		10	
22	Sophia W. Gates,	Paralysis,	76		
23	Daniel Sullivan,	Diphtheria,	7		
30	Alice LaCroix,	Oraritis,	14		



# Treasurer's Report

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 3, 1897.

---

Balance in Treasury March 8, 1896,	\$2,637.21
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1,192.58
National Bank tax,	279.69
State and Military Aid,	975.00
Support of State Paupers,	202.55
Expenses Contagious Dis- ease,	20.50
School Fund,	266.77
Aid in constructing better roads,	17.43
County Treasurer, Dog fund,	450.27
City of Chicopee, Pauper account,	240.65
City of Springfield, Pauper account,	36.75
City of Holyoke, Pauper account,	74.62
Town of Pelham, Pauper account,	1.00
Town of Brimfield, Pauper account,	3.31
Town of Chester, Pauper account,	22.00
Town of Townshend, Pauper account,	7.00
Town of Monson, Pauper account,	5.75
Town of Monson, School tuition,	150.46
Town of Ware, School tuition,	43.00
Town of Belchertown, Bridge account,	163.05
Cash received for School tuition,	79.50
Auctioneer's license,	6.00
Pool license,	14.00
Circus license,	20.00



Merry-go-round license,	\$10.00
Slaughter House license,	1.00
Peddlers' licenses,	48.00
Sewer licenses,	275.00
Sewer connections,	35.00
Insurance rebate,	24.50
Lock-up fees,	9.50
Fines from District Court,	922.16
Rent of school lot, Three Rivers,	10.00
Sale of two old schoolhouses,	250.00
Joseph Belanger, sale of school property,	10.00
C. S. Ruggles, sale of school property,	62.00
F. A. Ruggles, sale of school property,	27.70
Sale of radiators,	15.00
Freight rebate on school furniture,	.51
George Robinson, for old plank,	5.00
C. T. Brainerd, for old plank,	14.60
Interest on Merrick fund,	34.34
Interest on Thompson fund, 2 years,	83.44
Cash on account of aid rendered Patrick Lyon,	24.00
Cash on account of aid rendered M. A. Fuller,	269.28
Palmer Savings Bank, loan in anticipation of taxes,	13,000.00
Palmer Savings Bank, loan for new schoolhouse at Thorndike,	6,500.00
H. A. Northrop, Taxes 1895,	1,200.00
H. A. Northrop, Taxes 1896,	56,930.00
	<hr/>
	\$86,670.12

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	\$ 2,030.01	
National Bank Tax,	1,634.50	
Abolition Grade Crossings,	1,002.00	
Interest      "      "	40.08	
County Treasurer, County Tax,	3,994.98	
Palmer Savings Bank, loan in anticipation of taxes,	13,000.00	
Palmer Savings Bank, Interest,	1,925.45	
State and Military Aid,	1,317.50	
Costs of District Court,	519.61	
Selectmen's Orders,	32,332.77	
Overseers of the Poor Orders,	6,820.22	
School Committee, Pay Roll,	22,008.36	
	<hr/>	
	\$86,625.47	
Balance in treasury,	44.65	
	<hr/>	
	\$86,670.12	\$86,670.12

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHAW, *Treasurer.*

## Report of the Selectmen.

---

We present herewith the second annual report of the present Board of Selectmen. The appropriations for the year were \$27,950, and the expenditures \$24,892 61, leaving a balance in our favor of \$3,057.39. The appropriation of \$800.00 to buy additional land for the cemetery at the Depot Village was insufficient, consequently nothing was done with this matter. Last year we made the following recommendation, which was overlooked and no action taken :

“As there is no fixed compensation for the officers of the town, we would recommend that a committee be appointed to report at a future meeting the salary that each town official should receive, and also that a special appropriation be made for town officers, thus separating it from contingencies.”

---

### CONTINGENCIES.

J. Stever Knox, March services with hearse,	\$ 16.00
M. J. Sullivan, rent of hall for voting,	8.00
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, March,	8.00
A. M. Bond, labor, Four Corners cemetery water tub,	4.60
D. F. Sullivan, Treas., rent of band room for voting place,	8.00
John F. Shea, services as precinct officer,	3.00
William Brown, services as precinct officer,	3.00
Chas. E. Shumway, services as preeinct officer.	3.00
J. H. Trickett, services as precinct officer,	3.00
W. A. Weld, services as precinct officer,	3.00
Palmer Water Co., water for tank on Main street,	8.00

C. B. Fiske & Co., printing warrants, ballots, town reports, etc.,	\$152.38
T. J. Hutchinson, services as precinct officer,	3.00
M. E. Keefe, services as precinct officer,	3.00
Frank Hamilton, services as precinct officer,	3.00
Chas. F. Mooers, services as precinct officer,	3.00
M. M. Thomas, services as precinct officer,	3.00
D. F. Sullivan, services as precinct officer,	3.00
J. J. Kelley, services as precinct officer,	3.00
M. J. O'Connor, services as precinct officer,	3.00
D. E. Tenney, services as precinct officer,	3.00
E. Durand, services as precinct officer,	3.00
R. F. Twiss, services as precinct officer,	3.00
E. P. Brown, services as precinct officer,	3.00
H. R. Paine, services as precinct officer,	3.00
F. A. Ruggles, services as precinct officer,	3.00
W. R. Milligan, services as precinct officer,	3.00
J. Stever Knox, services as precinct officer,	3.00
F. E. Cady, services as precinct officer,	3.00
J. A. Hawkes, services as precinct officer,	3.00
John Murphy, services as precinct officer,	3.00
A. L. Warriner, services as precinct officer,	3.00
T. J. Conroy, services as precinct officer,	3.00
R. J. Fitzgerald, services as precinct officer,	3.00
L. R. Holden, services as precinct officer,	3.00
H. L. Ryther, services as precinct officer,	3.00
John Costello, services as precinct officer,	3.00
F. J. Hale, services as precinct officer,	4.50
S. H. Hellyar, services as auditor, 1895-96,	10.00
George A. Bills, services as chief engineer to Oct 19, 1895,	50.00
J. M. Allen, two double teams to Bondsville fire,	} 14.00
J. M. Allen, one horse on hook and ladder track,	
Joseph Kerigan, services as precinct officer, November, 1895, and March, 1896,	6.00
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, April,	8.00
H. G. Loomis, coffin, box and robe for William Allen,	30.00
J. Stever Knox, services with hearse,	26.00
J. Stever Knox, opening nine graves,	18.00
Eugene Shorley, fighting forest fire,	7.00

F. A. Upham, services as registrar of voters to May, 1896,	\$15.00
Rev. Joseph Marchand, opening nineteen graves,	38.00
H. R. Paine, lighting hall for caucus, oil, chimneys and labor,	10.39
L. H. Hendee, M. D., returning eighteen births,	3.75
New England Tel. and Tel. Co., rent of telephone at George A. Bills' to June 1,	10.00
P. S. Trumble, fighting forest fires thirty-eight hours, self and others,	7.60
J. S. Knox, services with hearse, May,	16.00
“ “ opening one grave,	2.00
“ “ cash paid for cutting brush,	9.00
“ “ pole straps, &c., for hearse,	2.25
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, May,	8.00
Rev. William H. Hart, opening eleven graves,	22.00
Thorndike Co., supplying water trough to May 21,	5.00
Daniel Manning, cleaning town house, &c.,	1.50
Thomas J. Dwyer, services as registrar of voters to May 1,	15.00
George Saunders, nails and labor on fence of old cemetery,	4.20
Charles S. Ruggles, opening three graves,	6.00
New England Tel. and Tel. Co., rent of telephone at G. A. Bills' to Jan. 30,	2.00
H. T. Bishop, part pay as assessor,	100.00
“ “ cash for collector's book and stamps,	4.28
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, June,	8.00
Joseph Berlanger, burial of W. A. Campbell (soldier),	26.00
J. S. Knox, opening two graves,	4.00
“ “ with hearse,	34.00
George W. Lyman, labor and material, Library building,	15.12
Daniel Dunn, treasurer, rent of clubroom for voting place,	8.00
H. T. Bishop, services as assessor,	150.00
New England Tel. and Tel. Co., rent of telephone at G. A. Bills' to July 31,	2.00
J. S. Knox, opening grave,	2.00
“ “ services with hearse, July,	28.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., six assessors' books, advertising and printing,	52.30
William H. Hart, opening graves,	24.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up,	8.00

John O. Hamilton, services as Assessor,	\$175.00
A. A. Warriner, services as Assessor,	175.00
C. S. Ruggles, opening 5 graves,	10.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, August,	8.00
Samuel Brown, support of water tub to Sept. 1, 1896,	5.00
William A. Barnes, services as auctioneer, Thorndike,	5.00
Shaw Bros., labor water pipe Four Corners cemetery,	3.42
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co., rent of telephone at G. A. Bills' to September 30,	4.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	28.00
Opening 3 graves,	6.00
John E. Squiers, cleaning and care of Town House, Sept. 10 and 17,	2.50
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, September,	8.00
Central Vermont R. R. Co., freight on crusher,	17.43
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	12.00
Opening 1 grave,	2.00
C. K. Gamwell, services as Auditor 1896,	10.00
Samuel Bowles, Treas., advertising \$300 reward,	1.05
Geo. A. Bills, chief engineer, 26 firemen at fire at Gamwell's,	52.00
" " " " 10 " " "	20.00
" " " " 4 " " C. D. Foster's	8.00
Fred O. Carter, inspecting beef, calves, sheep and hogs,	37.75
Rev. Wm. H. Hart, opening 14 graves,	28.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing notices, warrants, etc.,	25.21
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up, October,	8.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	12.00
Opening 1 grave,	2.00
Henry Lovett, services looking after highwaymen,	2.00
J. P. Eastman, " " " "	2.00
C. McManamy, " " " "	2.00
M. J. Dawson, " " " "	2.00
Jas. J. Manning, " " " "	2.00
Edward Lynch, " " " "	2.00
Dr. J. P. Schneider, 10 births,	2.50
J. J. Kelley, precinct officer, Nov., 1896,	3.00
M. M. Thomas, " " " "	3.00
Wm. Kerigan, " " " "	3.00
Frank Hamilton, " " " "	3.00

D. F. Sullivan, precinct officer, Nov., 1896,	\$3.00
Chas. F. Mooers,       "       "       "	3.00
M. E. Keefe,       "       "       "	3.00
Thos. Hutchinson,       "       "       "	3.00
Jas. H. Trickett,       "       "       "	3.00
D. E. Tenney,       "       "       "	3.00
M. J. O'Connor,       "       "       "	3.00
E. P. Brown,       "       "       "	3.00
R. F. Twiss,       "       "       "	3.00
Will Herran,       "       "       "	3.00
F. A. Ruggles,       "       "       "	3.00
J. J. Manning,       "       "       "	3.00
H. R. Paine, putting up and returning births,	7.00
H. A. Smith,       "       "       "	3.00
Chas. E. Shumway,       "       "       "	3.00
P. J. Fitzgerald,       "       "       "	3.00
John Costello, returning births,	3.00
Harry L. Ryther, returning births,	3.00
Lewis R. Holden, returning births,	3.00
Wm. Brown, returning births,	3.00
Chas. F. Place, support of water tub 1 year,	5.00
A. O. Allen, care of lockup in November,	8.00
J. S. Knox, straps for hearse,	1.00
J. S. Knox, opening 2 graves,	4.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	18.00
C. S. Ruggles, opening 3 graves,	6.00
W. R. Milligan, precinct officer, November,	3.00
Jas. F. Loftus, lead pencils for Precinct B,	.50
John F. Loftus, team to carry ballots to Palmer,	1.00
M. Sullivan, hall for precinct voting, November,	8.00
C. F. Smith, services as inspector,	57.63
A. O. Allen, care of lockup, December,	8.00
C. K. Gamwell, precinct officer, Nov., 1896,	3.00
J. S. Knox,       "       "       "	3.00
H. S. Hobson,       "       "       "	3.00
John Murphy, 2d,       "       "       "	3.00
J. A. Hawkes,       "       "       "	3.00
Thos. J. Conroy,       "       "       "	3.00
W. A. Weld,       "       "       "	3.00



Rev. Jos. Merchand, opening graves,	\$22.00
Dr. G. H. Wilkins, returning 26 births,	6.50
Dr. H. A. Smith, returning 26 births,	6.50
Dr. G. Lafontaine, returning 42 births,	10.50
C. S. Ruggles, opening 6 graves,	12.00
W. E. Stone, supplies for lock-up,	5.17
Michael Collins, services July 4 and Pinney case,	8.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse, December,	20.00
L. H. Hendee, returning 17 births,	4.25
O. C. Marcy, team for officers and Pinney case,	3.50
Daniel Dunn, Treas., rent of club room for voting, Nov.,	8.00
T. J. Clifford, rent of hall for voting,	8.00
Dr. J. C. Boulay, returning births,	16.25
Dr. W. H. Bliss, returning births,	6.50
M. Moriarty, precinct officer, November,	3.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	34.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up,	8.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., 500 orders on treasurer,	2.00
J. S. Knox, services with hearse,	14.00
Opening 1 grave,	2.00
A. O. Allen, care of lock-up,	8.00
Rev. W. H. Hart, opening 18 graves,	36.00
Geo. A. Bills, services as chief engineer,	50.00
H. G. Loomis, returning 37 deaths,	9.25
O. P. Allen, paper and pens,	1.05
J. B. Shaw, returning births, marriages and deaths,	151.85
Services as town treasurer,	50.00
Services as registrar of voters,	15.00
Cash paid for express,	5.00
C. S. Ruggles, opening 1 grave,	2.00
Joseph Belanger, returning 60 deaths,	15.00
E. W. Burns, services as registrar of voters,	15.00
H. R. Paine, services as registrar of voters,	15.00
F. D. Thompson, repairing hook and ladder truck,	6.25
O. C. Marcy, teams for fire department,	4.00
James Richards Estate, water Four Corners cemetery, '95-'96,	6.00
E. W. Phinney, inspecting slaughtered cattle and sheep,	16.15
John W. Loftus, casket for Michael Flemming,	30.00
Chas. T. Brainerd, services as selectman,	140.00



Geo. M. Atkins, services as selectman,	140.00
John F. Twiss, " " "	150.00
John F. Twiss, cash paid for postage,	5.30
John K. Barker, survey and plans Ferrill crossing,	15.00
Palmer Savings Bank, rent of lock-up to March 1, 1897,	90.00
	<hr/>
	\$3,194.88

## HIGHWAYS.

We expect there will be more or less criticism of this department, but it must be borne in mind that there has been but \$6,800 expended on general repairs in the last two years, or about \$3,400 per year, which is \$1,100 less per year than the expenditures in preceding years. We have made an effort to improve the roads between the villages, which of course was at the expense of those in the outlying districts. It must be apparent to everyone that an expenditure of \$3,400 each year will not be sufficient to keep 140 miles of highway in good repair.

Appropriation—	\$4,000.00
Edward McKelligett,	2.52
M. A. Sherman,	4.50
C. T. Brainerd,	21.60
H. W. Stimson,	5.70
John F. Hanafin,	31.20
J. T. Twiss,	39.60
John Lehan,	7.28
John O'Connor,	4.50
John Ritchie,	14.78
E. P. Brown,	11.03
Con Foley,	7.28
Daniel Connor,	6.75
Louis Barker,	3.40
C. T. Brainerd,	4.00
C. P. Haynes,	4.00
J. F. Loftus,	23.55

Jerre Shugrue,	\$11.25
Edward McKelligett,	9.75
James Casey,	5.25
J. F. Hanafin,	12.50
Jerre Carmody,	10.87
W. S. Whiting,	34.00
George D. Whiting,	29.60
John Grady,	13.12
Michael Shea,	13.12
Daniel Kee,	3.75
John Fenton,	7.50
John Moriarty,	7.50
Michael Sullivan,	11.62
R. L. Bond,	6.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	28.00
J. F. Twiss,	4.00
P. M. Shearer,	4.00
E. McKelligett,	1.50
Joseph Merriam,	9.00
P. Kinnevan,	9.00
Ed. King,	6.00
William Murphy,	10.50
L. Chalk,	6.00
John Conroy,	5.70
M. Laford,	20.00
George Laford,	12.00
O. E. Butler,	6.00
J. M. Allen,	4.00
J. A. Palmer,	2.50
E. McKelligett,	3.75
W. M. Green,	1.75
Jos. Merriam,	13.50
P. Murphy,	3.00
O. E. Butler,	7.50
J. M. Allen,	4.00
J. F. Twiss, man and team,	24.00
John Ritchie,	5.25
E. P. Brown,	6.75
John Lehan,	8.25

John O'Connor,	\$ 1.50
Daniel Conner,	7.50
Samuel Brown,	28.00
Reuben Lamb,	10.50
Will Trumble,	10.50
Daniel Crimmins,	10.50
Edward Crimmins,	10.50
H. W. Stimson,	5.20
Geo. D. Whiting,	4.00
Reuben Lamb,	1.50
Daniel Crimmins,	1.50
Jerre Shugrue,	6.75
John Wilson, shovels,	2.60
J. F. Twiss, man and team,	54.00
Louis Barker, man and team,	12.00
E. P. Brown,	15.75
John Lehan,	14.25
John Ritchie,	15.75
Daniel Connor,	15.75
Patrick Hurley,	17.25
James Casey,	19.50
M. Molloy,	19.50
A. Brosnahan,	19.50
Ed. McKelligett,	21.00
Geo. D. Whiting,	44.00
J. W. Miller,	52.00
M. McKelligett,	12.00
Samuel Brown,	18.00
Chas. Campbell,	3.75
Daniel Crimmins,	3.75
Will Trumble,	3.75
Reuben Lamb,	3.75
Jerre Shugrue,	19.50
Geo. D. Whiting,	4.50
Mike Barber,	1.95
Daniel Kee,	3.45
Mike Sullivan,	3.45
John Lynch,	3.45
W. S. Whiting,	17.20

J. F. Loftus,	\$40.75
M. Shea,	4.50
Pat. Mitchell,	3.00
John Moriarty,	3.00
John Grady,	3.00
John Fenton,	3.00
Wm. Murphy,	4.50
H. Wilcox,	3.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	20.00
C. P. Haynes,	12.00
Jos. Merriam,	6.00
H. Sherman,	1.80
C. T. Brainerd, part services as superintendent,	100.00
John Lehan,	11.25
E. P. Brown,	9.75
Henry Connor,	1.50
John Ritchie,	9.75
Daniel Connor,	9.75
John F. Twiss, man and team,	26.00
Maurice Prindiville,	1 50
John F. Loftus,	4.00
Jerre Shugrue,	2.25
James Casey,	1.50
M. McKelliget,	1.50
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on scraper,	8.50
Jerre Shea,	9.10
W. S. Whiting,	9.20
John Kennedy,	4.50
Maurice McKelligett,	4.50
Joseph Kerigan,	142.90
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	16.00
J. A. Hamilton, man, and team,	16.00
W. H. Clark,	4.80
E. J. Lynch,	6.00
P. McGuire, Jr.,	6.00
Daniel Healy,	6.00
P. Murphy,	6.00
Wm. Murphy,	6.00
Pat. Mitchell,	10.95

Mike Sullivan,	\$ 8.70
Daniel Kee,	10.20
Michael Shea,	10.20
John Moriarty,	8.70
John Grady,	10.95
Tim Lines,	7.20
W. S. Whiting,	56.40
Phil Beauregard,	1.50
Fred Beauregard,	1.50
John Fenton,	1.50
——— Graham, gravel,	7.50
E. J. Lynch,	4.50
P. Murphy,	4.50
William Murphy,	4.50
P. McGuire, Jr.,	4.50
W. H. Clark,	4.50
J. A. Hamilton,	12.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	12.00
E. O. Butler,	4.50
Daniel Healey,	4.50
J. F. Twiss,	32.00
E. P. Brown,	9.75
John Lehan,	12.75
John Ritchie,	12.75
John Lane,	4.50
Henry Connor,	4.50
Michael Foley,	4.50
Jerre Shugrue,	4.50
A. Brosnahan,	4.50
J. F. Loftus,	39.20
Jerre Shugrue,	9.00
A. Brosnahan,	9.00
James Casey,	10.50
E. McKelligett,	9.00
Louis Nepheu,	2.25
George Mooers,	23.20
H. W. Stimson,	21.00
Samuel Brown,	21.25
George A. Smith,	16.00

Reuben Lamb,	\$ 11.25
Daniel Crimmins,	6.00
John Jones,	6.00
Tim Crimmins,	3.00
Charles Underwood,	1.50
E. McKelligett,	16.50
George D. Whiting,	37.40
George D. Whiting, loam, &c.,	10.20
J. D. Miller,	36.00
Edward Webber,	14.55
Edward McKelligett,	12.00
A. Brosnahan,	3.00
Jerre Shugrue,	10.50
James Casey,	4.50
Michael Shea,	7.50
Matt. Kennedy,	7.50
M. Molloy,	6.00
Daniel Shea,	1.50
W. S. Whiting,	40.00
Timothy Lines,	6.00
Daniel Kee,	6.75
Mike Sullivan,	6.00
Mike Shea,	7.50
Patrick Mitchell,	6.75
John Grady,	7.50
John Moriarty,	5.25
Daniel Shea,	9.00
J. F. Twiss, man and team,	4.00
Henry Connor,	4.13
Daniel Connor,	2.63
John Lehan,	2.63
John Ritchie,	4.12
E. McKelligett,	11.15
F. F. Marcy, labor and material,	8.24
M. A. Sherman,	4.09
Forest Lake Co.,	1.00
John Crowley,	18.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	24.00
Mike Finerty,	3.00

W. S. Whiting,	\$ 22.00
Daniel Connor,	4.50
Mike Burphee,	1.50
John Dunn,	3.00
Mike Sullivan,	4.50
John Grady,	4.50
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	32.00
Daniel Crimmins,	14.25
John Crowley,	38.00
Geo. Smith,	14.00
Frank Coffin,	14.25
Frank Holdsworth,	14.25
Wm. Murphy,	14.25
E. Crimmins,	14.25
P. McGuire, Jr.,	14.25
L. C. Snow,	3.20
Eugene Rivers,	1.50
—— Herran,	7.50
H. Henrichon,	6.00
George Pratt,	6.00
Joseph Fenton,	8.25
Daniel Manning,	9.00
John Lane,	9.00
W. F. Fillmore,	22.00
J. F. Loftus,	16.00
Frank Barker,	26.00
John O'Connor,	17.25
C. P. Haynes,	32.00
Henry Conner,	17.25
E. P. Brown,	16 50
John Ritchie,	19.50
John Lehan,	21.00
Daniel Connor,	15.75
J. F. Twiss, man and team,	56.00
Samuel Brown,	15.50
Reuben Lamb,	6.00
Chas. Merritt,	4.50
John Jones,	4.50
G. A. Smith,	8.00

Dan Lane,	\$ 9.75
Wm. Murphy,	4.50
E. J. Lynch,	6.00
P. McGuire, Jr.,	6.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	8.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	38.00
P. McGuire, Jr.,	13.50
J. W. Brainerd, labor on steam roller,	13.75
J. F. Holbrook, coal for steam roller,	8.94
M. Healy, repairing tools,	5.86
Geo. N. Stone,	2.50
P. McGuire, Jr.,	8.25
E. J. Lynch,	9.75
John Conlon,	14.25
Ed. Crimmins,	7.50
P. Ditto,	10.50
Geo. A. Smith,	14.00
P. Hurley,	7.50
Geo. D. Whiting,	1.20
E. McKelligett,	9.00
J. H. Woolrich,	3.75
E. A. Buck & Co., oil, &c.,	1.27
J. F. Loftus,	24.00
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	26.00
E. J. Lynch,	1.50
John Conlon,	1.50
P. Murphy,	13.50
Dan Shea,	9.00
M. McCormack,	9.00
M. Molloy,	9.00
George Mooers,	20.00
J. W. Miller,	12.00
Jerre Shugrue,	9.00
James Casey,	9.00
W. S. Whiting,	12.00
Dan Connors,	2.25
John Buskey,	4.50
John Grady,	3.00
J. A. Hamilton,	8.95



Tim Crimmins,	\$ 5.25
M. Molloy,	2.25
J. F. Loftus,	6.00
J. F. Twiss, man and team,	20.00
John Lane,	4.50
John Ritchie,	4.50
W. F. Fillmore,	1.20
John Lehan,	5.25
Dan Connor,	1.50
E. P. Brown,	4.50
John O'Connor,	1.50
Louis Barker,	6.00
C. J. Foley,	1.00
John Lehan,	.75
Dan Connor,	.75
Smith Grocery Co.,	1.66
P. McGuire, Jr.,	.75
Con Foley,	4.50
Charles Ruggles,	4.00
J. B. Brown & Co.,	1 98
George A. Smith, breaking out roads,	6.30
Samuel Brown, " " "	5.60
Maurice Prindeville, " " "	3.00
James Casey,	.75
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	12.00
Warren Trumble,	.75
T. D. Carmody,	18.40
A. Miller,	2.75
F. Elmer,	2.75
J. H. Tuthill, repairs on tools,	1.00
A. M. Bond, repairs on water tub,	1.60
Whiting & Ramsden, breaking out roads,	7.55
M. A. Sherman, " " "	2.40
Wm. Ryan, " " "	3.75
Samuel Brown, " " "	10.00
Bryan O'Rourke, " " "	1.50
B. F. Emery, " " "	8.00
Joseph Kerrigan, " " " and labor,	22.35
W. F. Fillmore, " " "	4.00

E. Crimmins, breaking out roads,	\$ .75	
Dan Crimmins, " " "	.75	
O. E. Butler, " " "	.60	
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	5.00	
John O'Connor,	.75	
W. H. Mason,	1.50	
Chas. T. Brainerd, balance of salary as Supt.,	125.00	
Jos. Woodard, signs,	1.75	
C. T. Brainerd, man and team,	8.00	
John Daly,	4.17	
		<hr/> \$3,720.39

In accordance with a vote of the town, a section of macadam road has been built the past year, commencing at Main street in the Depot village and extending to the top of the grade above the cemetery on Thorndike street, a distance of 3,010 feet, at an expense of \$3,498 54.

A little over 1,700 tons of trap-rock were used. The stone is 8 inches deep in the center and 6 inches on the sides. About 1,400 feet of cobble-paved gutters were built. The work was not completed as quickly or as cheaply as it would have been if we could have procured the stone as fast as we wanted. We were able to get only 50 tons per day. We should have had 100 tons per day. The total cost for the work of grading, paving the ditches and the completion of the work is 67 cents per square yard.

#### MACADAM ROAD WORK—THORNDIKE STREET.

Appropriation—		\$3,500.00
Flynt Granite Co., stone,	\$1,706.68	
C. V. R. R., demurage,	8.00	
F. E. Marey, labor and material,	15.27	
J. F. Holbrook, coal for steam roller,	64.98	
W. H. Brainerd, services as engineer,	32.00	
Palmer Granite Co., stone for bank wall,	15.00	
E. A. Buck & Co, oil, &c., for steam roller,	2.87	
C. A. Brown & Co., tools, drain pipe, &c.,	50.71	

M. J. Dillon, lowering grates,	\$ 7.55	
William Thompson, labor on bank wall,	12.00	
J. W. Brainerd, running steam roller,	95.00	
G. B. Kenerson, setting up steam roller,	5.53	
Palmer Water Co., water for road,	10.00	
A. J. Northrop, wood for roller,	2.25	
L. J. Brainerd, care of lanterns,	4.20	
W. D. Mason, " " "	2.00	
J. W. Brainerd, labor, housing roller,	3.50	
C. T. Brainerd, labor,	121.00	2,158.54
Team work and labor,		1,340.25
		<hr/>
		\$3,498.79
		<hr/>
Balance,		\$1.21

---

## BRIDGES.

The bridges of the town, with the exception of the Merrick bridge, Burleigh bridge, canal bridge at Three Rivers and the iron bridge in Thorndike are in good shape. An appropriation of \$1,500 will build a new iron bridge over the canal at Three Rivers and repair the other bridges.

A new iron bridge has been built at Bondsville the past year. We consider it the strongest and best bridge in town. One new span of the bridge over the Chicopee river at Three Rivers has been constructed, and one other span has received a thorough overhauling, and iron trusses have been put in on both sides.

We were obliged to exceed the appropriations to complete the moving of the Bondsville canal bridge and setting up at Thorndike; we found the stone work in poor shape, which required a larger expense than we expected.

Appropriation,	\$1,500.00
Albert Ferry, 6125 ft. chestnut plank, Thorndike,	\$110.25
Norman Aiken, labor on Thorndike bridge,	10.00
Charles Coleman, " " "	10.00
Mike Molloy, " " "	6.75
Jeremiah Shugrue, " " "	6.00
Warren Trumble, " " "	6.00
Chas. T. Brainerd, drawing timber to Thorndike,	4.00
T. D. Potter & Co., drawing and sawing timber for Thorndike,	6.00
John W. Brainerd, labor on Tenneyville,	2.50
Geo. Sanders, labor on Three Rivers,	2.62
Joseph Merriam, " " "	3.00
N. Aiken, labor,	5.00
W. A. Thompson, labor,	3.00
W. H. Mason, labor,	6.00
Harry Thompson, labor,	3.00
C. N. Coleman, labor, Three Rivers,	20.00
Alex Downing,	11.25
Alfred Barber,	11.25
A. Brosnahan,	10.50
Charles Connor,	7.50
John Conroy,	7.50
Con Foley,	1.50
W. F. Fillmore,	2.40
Albert Ferry, 765 feet chestnut plank,	13.77
Charles P. Haynes, timber and plank,	212.92
Philip Connor, labor,	4.50
Joseph Lafortune, labor,	3.00
Charles Connor, labor on bridges,	12.00
Alfred Barber, " "	9.00
Charles Coleman, " "	15.00
Henry Connor, " "	3.00
Con Foley, " "	6.00
Alex Downing, " "	9.00
Andrew Brosnahan, " "	9.00
John Conroy, " "	9.00
Joseph Fenton, " "	3.00

Joseph Lafortune, labor on bridges,	\$ 3.00
Charles Coleman, " "	10.62
Alex Downing, " "	6.15
Alfred Barber, " "	9.00
Charles Connor, " "	7.50
John Conroy, " "	6.15
Andrew Brosnahan, " "	6.15
Charles Connor, " "	3.00
Alfred Barber, " "	11.62
George Saunders, " "	8.80
Con Foley, lighting bridges,	5.36
Alex Downing, labor,	7.50
A. Brosnahan, " "	3.00
Charles Coleman, " "	16.87
C. A. Brown & Co., material,	52.97
F. F. Marcy & Co., material and labor,	4.85
Charles P. Haynes, material,	89.34
J. M. Allen, 4,558 feet plank for King bridge,	82.04
J. M. Allen, 1,009 feet plank for Thorndike,	18.15
Joseph Belanger, material and labor, Three Rivers,	152.09
John F. Twiss, drawing plank, &c.,	4.00
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber,	30.46
John A. Breckenridge, painting two iron bridges,	35.00
C. N. Coleman, R. R. bridge, Tenneyville,	5.50
" " Commercial street bridge,	4.75
J. M. Allen, 3,526 feet plank, Tennyville,	63.46
" " 1,514 feet plank, Goddard,	27.23
John W. Brainerd, labor,	6.25
H. R. Paine, painting Three Rivers bridge,	30.00
John W. Brainerd, labor, Monson bridge,	2.50
C. H. M. Blanchard, three-inch plank,	10.26
" " two-inch plank,	14.11
E. A. Buck & Co., spikes,	4.30
Frank Coffin, labor,	1.50
C. N. Coleman, labor, Commercial street,	3.00
Henry Hobson, " Monson bridge,	1.50
" " " " "	5.10
B. J. Avery, " "	2.50

C. N. Coleman, labor on Thorndike bridge,	\$1.25	
Palmer Mill, lumber for Three Rivers,	5.64	
T. D. Potter & Co., plank for Goddard,	24.11	
J. W. Brainerd, Merrick bridge,	3.25	
John Wilson, spikes,	1.25	
George M. Atkins, lumber,	38.64	
Leon Henrichson, labor,	1.50	
Town Clerk, Belchertown, labor and material,		
Bondsville bridge,	1.52	
T. D. Potter & Co., labor and material, Fuller		
bridge,	8.74	
Charles T. Brainerd, labor on bridges,	96.00	
		<hr/>
		\$1,502.69
Due from Town of Brimfield,	70.40	
Due from Town of Monson,	39.88	\$110.28
		<hr/>
		\$1,392.41

#### RAILINGS.

Appropriation,		\$200.00
James H. Clark, 15 rods railing,	\$15.00	
George A. Smith, 74 rods railing,	74.00	
John Daily, 20½ rods railing,	20.50	
W. H. Brainerd, 36 rods railing,	36.00	
T. D. Potter & Co., railing, Bondsville,	3.12	
John Fenton, repairing railing,	2.25	
		<hr/>
		\$150.87

#### SEWERS AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation,		\$400.00
W. H. Stimson, labor,	\$5.50	
John Lehan,            “	6.75	
John O'Connor,       “	6.75	
Frank Russell,       “	3.75	
Jerre Carmody,       “	.75	
W. S. Whiting,       “	2.00	
Jerre Shea,           “	4.50	

Andrew Brosnahan, labor,	\$ 6.50	
Daniel Shea,           “	3.00	
Warren Trumble,       “	3.00	
Jerre Shea,           “	3.00	
P. O'Brien,           “	6.00	
C. F. Smith,           “	2.00	
W. A. Thompson,       “	61.25	
Samuel Brown,         “	5.85	
S. W. Stanchfield, labor and material, Park street,	10.75	
Joseph Merriam, labor on culverts,	3.75	
L. Chalk,	5.85	
Ed King,	5.25	
Palmer Mill, material for sewers,	5.04	
Eugene Shorley, labor,	14.00	
S. H. Brown,       “	11.60	
Joseph Kerigan,	30.00	
B. J. Avery, labor, Three Rivers sewer,	3.50	
W. H. Hitchcock, labor on connections,	3.50	
N. K. Rogers, labor on three catch-basins,	7.50	
George A. Smith, labor on culverts,	9.50	
C. S. Ruggles, cement, pipe and brick,	4.13	
John Buskey, labor,	1.50	
W. S. Whiting, labor,	3.00	
William Lusty,       “	3.00	
John Dunn,           “	3.00	
S. H. Brown,         “	6.80	
W. H. Hitchcock. labor and pipe,	1.92	
C. A. Brown & Co., material,	4.22	
Joseph Kerigan,       “	7.00	
C. A. Brown & Co., sewer pipe,	1.26	
William Murphy, labor,	1.50	
Ed McKelligett,	3.00	
		<hr/>
		\$270.67

#### SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES.

Appropriation,		\$600.00
T. W. Kenefick, services to May 1, 1896,	\$ 30.00	
F. E. Jenkins, G. S. Butler, L. H. Gager,	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$630.00
Overdrawn,		\$30.00

## HIGH STREET SEWER, THORNDIKE.

Appropriation,		\$600.00
----------------	--	----------

---

## AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Appropriation,		\$300.00
----------------	--	----------

---

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,		\$100.00
L. L. Merrick Post, G. A. R.,	\$100.00	

---

## YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,		\$1,000.00
L. E. Chandler, treasurer,	\$1,000.00	

---

## POLICE SERVICE.

Appropriation,		\$1,600.00
M. Collins,	\$399.96	
J. P. Eastman,	399.96	
J. J. Manning,	399.96	
J. F. Luman,	399.96	
	<hr/>	\$1,599.84
Balance,		.16

---

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Appropriation,		\$5,000.00
Paid Central Mass. Electric Company,	\$4,999.92	
	<hr/>	
Balance,		.08

---

## DEPOT CEMETERY ADDITION.

Appropriation,		\$800.000
----------------	--	-----------



## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,		\$500.00
John K. Barker, running lines,	\$ 7.00	
B. F. Dotney, for laying concrete walk on East		
Main and Bourn streets, Three Rivers,	411.60	
At Palmer Depot, 108.6 yards,	48.90	
At Palmer Depot, 3 yards patching,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$469.00
Balance,		\$31.00

---

## BOURN STREET, THREE RIVERS.

Appropriation,		\$300.00
John K. Barker, running lines, &c.,		\$17.00
Balance,		\$283.00

---

## CENTRAL STREET SEWER.

Appropriation,		\$100.00
R. B. Francis, sewer grate,	\$ 5.00	
Oliver LaSalle, laying pipe and one catch-basin,	48.30	
W. H. Brainerd, specifications,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$58.30
Balance,		\$41.70

---

## SHADE TREES.

Appropriation,		\$50.00
----------------	--	---------

---

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,		\$300.00
Dr. W. H. Bliss, services 1895,	\$ 25.00	
Dr. L. H. Hendee, services 1896 to March 15,	25.00	
Dr. William Holbrook, services 1896, secretary and chairman,	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00
Balance,		\$150.00

## THORNDIKE AND MAIN STREET SEWER.

Appropriation,		\$1,600.00
William Kennedy, labor,	\$ 4.20	
William Murphy, “	8.10	
Dennis Dewire, “	4.35	
Pat Downs, “	.75	
Luke Haley, “	3.45	
Pat Murphy, “	3.00	
Tim Crimmins, “	3.00	
Michael J. Dillon, contract,	830.37	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing and specifications,	4.50	
W. H. Brainerd, superintendent, specifications, and profile,	94.00	
C. A. Brown & Co., pipe, manhole covers and frames,	497.38	
C. B. Fiske & Co., advertising proposals	1.38	
	<hr/>	\$1,454.48
Balance,		\$145.52

## IRON BRIDGE, BONDSVILLE.

Appropriation,		\$1,300.00
J. B. Haviland, for survey and preparing plans,	\$ 37.50	
R. F. Hawkins, $\frac{1}{2}$ cost of bridge,	1,162.50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cost extra work,	76.07	
W. N. Flynt & Co., stone work,	287.34	
C. B. Fiske & Co., 50 circular letters for pro- posals,	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,564.66
Received from Town of Belchertown,		163.05
		<hr/>
		\$1,401.61
Overdrawn,		\$101.61

## MAIN STREET SEWER.

Appropriation,		\$400.00
W. H. Hitchcock, sewer pipe,	\$108.15	
W. H. Brainerd, specifications,	10.00	
M. J. Dillon, building sewer (contract),	256 90	
H. S. Hobson, labor,	14.00	
C. A. Brown & Co., castings,	7.25	
	<hr/>	\$396.30
Balance,		\$3.70

## THORNDIKE CANAL BRIDGE.

Appropriation,		\$300.00
Springfield Construction Co., contract for re-		
pairing and moving,	\$233.00	
Expense caused by protest Boston Duck Co.,	16.62	
Tim Daily, labor,	1.50	
Charles T. Brainerd, man and team,	4.00	
Warren Trumble, labor,	7.50	
Tim Crimmins,       “	5.25	
James Casey,       “	12.75	
J. W. Brainerd,     “	4.25	
Peter Nephew, lighting bridge,	2.60	
F. F. Marcy, lumber,	4.00	
J. W. Brainerd, labor,	4.75	
Palmer Granite Co., stone,	7.50	
C. A. Brown & Co., material,	5.92	
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber,	74 44	
Thorndike Co., labor,	4.07	
	<hr/>	\$388.15
Overdrawn,		\$88.15

## NEW SCHOOLHOUSE AT THORNDIKE.

Appropriation,		\$16,000.00
Orders drawn as reported to March, 1896,	\$8,463.36	
Chas. S. Ruggles, material and labor,	5,117.84	
Smith & Anthony, 40 per cent, due on contract,	1,063.80	
C. H. Hobbs, cash for freight and expenses,	5.24	
A. Brosnahan, labor on sewer,	9.00	
C. H. Hobbs, cash paid freight on settees,	11.07	
L. E. Moore, cash paid for advertising and express,	3.05	
J. W. Miller, unloading and storing furniture,	5.50	
Farley G. Clark, 5 call bells,	12.00	
Harwood Manufacturing Co., settees and seats,	184.93	
Central Mass. Electric Co., wiring,	34.54	
P. J. Nelligan, 150 yards concreting,	75.00	
Forbes & Wallace, shades,	79.44	
John F. Loftus, drawing seats,	1.50	

United States Furniture Co., for seats,	\$ 642.65	
Boston and Albany R. R., freight on desks,	23.98	
Taylor & Howe, piano,	198.00	
C. H. Hobbs, cash paid F. M. Wilkins for setting chairs,	19.75	
Thorndike Co., labor on ink wells, &c.,	3.92	
	<hr/>	\$15,954.57
Balance,		\$45.43

---

## ACCOUNTS DUE THE TOWN.

From the State for Military and State Aid,	\$1,083.11
“ W. E. McDonald,	25.00
“ Mrs. J. F. Holbrook,	25.00
“ C. W. Johnson,	30.00
“ Mrs. S. H. Hellyar,	30.00
“ H. P. Holden,	100.00
“ Town of Monson,	29.88
“ Town of Brimfield,	70.40
Balance in Treasury,	44.65
	<hr/>
	\$1,438.04

---

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Contingencies,	\$3,500.00
Railings,	200.00
Highways,	4,500.00
Bridges,	1,500.00
Sewers and culverts,	400.00

JOHN F. TWISS, } *Selectmen*  
 GEO. M. ATKINS, } *of*  
 C. T. BRAINERD, } *Palmer.*

# List of Jurors.

---

C. D. Holbrook,  
J. B. Shaw,  
J. A. Breckenridge,  
W. H. Higgins, Jr.  
H. M. Kendall,  
G. S. Holden,  
James Creehan,  
Wm. J. McCormick,  
John F. Shea,  
Geo. D. Whiting,  
D. E. Tenney,  
M. A. Sherman,  
Daniel J. Sullivan,  
Geo. Saunders,  
Henry Hobson,  
John Wilson,  
A. G. Newton,  
Harvey D. Carey,  
John F. Dawson,  
Beni Furkey,  
Ed. J. Fuller,  
Austin R. Smith,  
Patrick F. Hurley,  
Geo. W. Keith,  
Wm. S. Taylor,  
Thomas D. Carmody,  
Geo. W. Ely,  
Geo. Lafave,  
Frank D. Orcutt,  
Butler Sedgwick,  
Joseph Kerrigan,  
Frank Carpenter,  
T. J. Donahue,  
H. D. Converse,  
B. D. Parsons,  
Mathew Coffee,  
H. H. Paine,  
Chas. H. Keith,  
Wm. Prairie,  
Charles H. Burns,

E. S. Brooks,  
Chas. H. Collis,  
Geo. F. Orcutt,  
Frank A. Barker,  
F. H. Caryl,  
John Desmond,  
Henry W. Holbrook,  
Daniel Healey,  
W. H. Osborn,  
Chas. Underwood,  
Wm. E. McDonald,  
John Manning,  
H. G. Loomis,  
Timothy O'Connor,  
Louis A. Conant,  
Maurice J. Moriarty,  
Fred A. Moore,  
E. P. Ball,  
Chas. W. Robinson,  
Michael Riley,  
H. T. Bishop,  
Truman Griswold,  
John L. Wilder,  
J. A. Hawks,  
James Henighan,  
A. Louis Warriner,  
Thomas Longtine,  
Samuel Brown,  
John Daley,  
Joseph Stimson,  
M. Griffin,  
J. W. Foley,  
W. R. Milligan,  
Arthur Grise,  
Chas. E. Dewey,  
John Keefe,  
Ed. P. Brown,  
James Sullivan,  
A. B. Cowan,  
George A. Moore.

Palmer, March —, 1897.

JOHN F. TWISS,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Palmer.</i>
CHAS. T. BRAINERD,	
GEO. M. ATKINS,	

## Tax Collector's Report.

---

1895.

Amount due collector,	\$350.00
Amount on collector's book,	256.56
Balance due collector from town as collector,	93.44

---

1896.

Amount committed to collector on tax book,		\$61,998.29
Added to book,		42.66
Interest collected,		69.07
Amount paid treasurer,	\$56,930.00	
Discount allowed Sept. 1, 1896,	3,347.27	
Probable abatements,	350.00	
Amount due town,	1,482.75	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$62,110.02	\$62,110.02

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

---

## SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON POOR FARM.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Harriet Gerald,	\$ 61.75	
Medfield Insane Asylum, aid to Harriet Gerald,	93.20	154.95
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to James Sullivan,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Aid to Mrs. Mary Callahan,	169.92	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Abbie A. Lynes,	61.75	
Medfield Insane Asylum, aid to Abbie A. Lynes,	93.20	154.95
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to John D. Sullivan,	13.46	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mary A. Fuller,	13.46	
Mass. School for Feeble Minded, aid to Timothy Keefe,	127.21	
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, aid to Patrick Ryan,	72.89	
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, aid to George Gerald,	169.92	
Westboro Lunatic Hospital, aid to Mrs. Emma Graham,	131.40	
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs, aid to J. H. Waite,	3.25	1,181.33
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vashe,	21.99	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vashe,	130.00	
G. W. Lent, aid to Mrs. Joseph Vash,	8.50	160.49

J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. D. Fleming,	\$ 16.87	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. D. Fleming,	130.00	
G. W. Lent, aid to Mrs. D. Fleming,	4.25	151.12
Boston & Albany R. R. Co., aid to James Cunniff,	3.36	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. James Dailey,	51.00	
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. James Dailey,	2.12	53.12
Walker & Kelley, aid to Mrs. Fred Bonville,	30.00	
Shaw Bros., aid to Mrs. Margaret Ryan,	30.00	
Shaw Bros., aid to Mrs. Frank Rivers,	67.50	
Shaw Bros., aid to Hattie Young,	56.25	
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing,	6.25	
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Mrs. Fred Brown,	15.00	
M. Moriarty, aid to Nellie Rose,	8.00	
C. L. Holden, aid to Nellie Rose,	28.00	36.00
M. Moriarty, aid to Kate Callahan,	31.50	
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to Kate Callahan,	3.50	35.00
M. Moriarty, aid to M. E. Shea,	63.00	
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to M. E. Shea,	23.85	86.85
M. Moriarty, aid to Kate Fenton,	36.00	
M. Moriarty, aid to Mary O'Brien,	36.00	
M. Moriarty, aid to Mary Sheehan,	36.00	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Hillard Drufour,	8.00	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Alfred Goodreau,	12.00	
J. F. Foley, aid to Mrs. Mary Hamilton,	14.00	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Mary Hamilton,	12.23	
Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical services,	85.00	
Cash paid out, looking up paupers,	58.64	
G. W. Lent, aid to Roswell Craw,	16.75	
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Roswell Craw,	13.31	30.06
City of Boston, aid to Margaret McCarthy,	7.19	
City of Boston, aid to Marshall Hitchcock,	7.00	
Town of Monson, aid to Mrs. David Darling,	52.17	
City of New Bedford, aid to Frank Sweet, Jr.,	12.97	
John Miller, aid to Frank Sweet, Jr.,	18.00	
H. T. Bishop, aid to Frank Sweet, Jr.,	5.25	
W. F. Fillmore, aid to Frank Sweet, Jr.,	1.00	37.22
City of New Bedford, aid to Annie Corcoran,	8.00	



J. W. Loftus, coffin for Michael Lyons,	\$ 20.75	
City of Chicopee, aid to Michael Lyons,	25.10	45.85
City of Fitchburg, aid to Levi Lonzo,	9.00	
City of New Bedford, aid to Mrs. Ellen Moriarty,	79.03	
P. S. Trumble, aid to James Sheehan,	3.58	
J. B. Shaw, aid to James Sheehan,	16.45	
City of Holyoke, aid to Anthony Austin,	14.60	
Cash aid paid out,	37.74	
Town of Ware, aid to Julius Larges,	29.30	
Cash paid for postage stamps and paper,	11.40	
City of Chicopee, aid to Mrs. Margaret McCarty,	10.20	
W. E. Stone, aid to L. W. Tanner,	60.00	
M. Lawler, aid to Mrs. Jane Riley,	30.75	
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Jane Riley,	8.25	39.00
City of Fall River, aid to Mrs. James F. Riley,	9.10	
City of Fall River, burial of the Furkey child,	8.00	
C. L. Holden, aid to Mrs. Beauregard,	16.00	
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to Mrs. Beauregard,	1.75	17.75
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid to Annie Horrigan and child,	16.00	
City of Springfield, aid to Frederick Freak,	10.50	
W. F. Fillmore, aid to Frederick Freak,	10.25	20.75
City of Springfield, aid to Mary and Kate Cahill,	26.20	
Isaac Hurbert, aid to Paul Christerson,	18.00	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Fountain,	26.00	
M. Moriarty, aid to Mrs. Fountain,	15.00	41.00
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Hillard Dufour,	8.00	
J. F. Holbrook & Son, aid to Ellen Watts,	6.75	
New England Tel. Co., use of telephone,	24.00	
City of Worcester, aid to Charles A. Kramer,	.90	
E. Goodes, aid to Fred Bressett,	9.00	
J. F. Holbrook, aid to Fred Bressett,	6.75	15.75
E. J. Kelley, aid to Henry Comme,	5.00	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Henry Comme,	15.00	
J. W. Miller, aid to Henry Comme,	3.74	23.74
Joseph Belanger, coffin for Elise Dame,	15.00	
Julia Wallace, aid to Sam Wallace,	5.00	

Town of Ware, aid to Truffield Gokey,	\$ 55.00	
O. P. Allen, medicine,	1.55	
H. T. Bishop, services as overseer,	175.00	
R. L. Bond, services as overseer,	150.00	
William Merriam, services as overseer,	200.00	764.00
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Vashe,	3.25	
J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Jane Riley,	1.00	
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to Mrs. M. Shea,	5.15	
H. T. Bishop, telegraphing,	3 85	
City of Holyoke, aid to Mrs. Delia Austin,	7.25	\$3,565.92

---

#### POOR ON TOWN FARM.

W. E. Stone, goods to Town Farm,	\$130.59	
Frederick Thompson, goods to Town Farm,	189.78	
J. F. Holbrook, coal to Town Farm,	28.32	
R. J. Henry, goods to Town Farm,	15.05	
N. W. Bond, goods to Town Farm,	93.52	
H. G. Loomis, mattress to Town Farm,	3.00	
G. W. Lent, services as warden,	600.00	
James J. H. Gregory & Co., goods to Town Farm,	20.66	
Fred A. Willis, team wagon Town Farm,	54.50	
Charles F. Smith, fertilizer to Town Farm,	74.50	
E. Goodes, boots and shoes to Town Farm,	64.30	
J. W. Loftus, coffin for John D. Sullivan,	18.00	
E. A. Buck & Co., goods to Town Farm,	75.35	
Charles D. Holbrook, goods to Town Farm,	305.13	
Walker & Kelley, goods to Town Farm,	66.41	
C. K. Gammell, goods to Town Farm,	33.75	
J. H. Haynes, labor and stock Town Farm,	9.53	
J. B. Shaw, goods to Town Farm,	168.94	\$1,943.00

---

Whole number at the Farm during the year, 41.

Largest number at any one time, 34.

Average during the year, 27½.

Average cost per week per person, \$1.36½.

Males, 26 ; females, 15.

Died at Farm during the year : Males, 3.

Born at Farm during the year : Male, 1.

The cash receipts from all sources on the Farm during the year amounted to \$1948.54. This has been expended for food, clothing and other necessities at the Farm, making so much less for the overseers to pay out of the original appropriation. The books containing the items of this account are at the Farm, and are open for the inspection of voters at any time.

---

Among the products at the farm during the year were :

Butter, pounds,	1,800
Eggs, dozen,	1865
Potatoes, bushels,	600
Tomatoes, bushels,	75
Onions, bushels,	120
Winter Squash, pounds,	6,000
Cabbage, heads,	3,000
Peas, bushels,	85
Beets, bushels,	120
Cucumbers, bushels,	55
Pork, pounds,	4,414

---

#### INVENTORY AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1897.

Live stock,	\$978.00	
Hay and grain,	466.50	
Wood and lumber,	311.00	
Farming tools,	466.75	
Provisions and supplies,	316.80	
Beds and bedding,	280.25	
Tin, glass, crockery and wooden ware,	126.40	
Furniture and fixtures,	365.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,310.70
Inventory March 1st, 1896,		2,635.50
		<hr/>
Increase,		\$671.20

## POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

## TOWN OF PELHAM.

Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to B. L. Dunton,	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
--	---------	---------

## TOWN OF BRIMFIELD.

Shaw Bros., aid to Otis B. Hill,	1.31	
C. P. Haynes, aid to Otis B. Hill,	2.00	
	<hr/>	3.31

## TOWN OF CHICOPEE.

Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Mrs. E. Carroll,	9.50	
F. A. Upham, aid to Mrs. E. Carroll,	3.00	
W. F. Fillmore, aid to Mrs. E. Carroll,	3.25	
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. E. Carroll,	5.00	
Joseph Belanger, burial of Mrs. E. Carroll,	20.00	
	<hr/>	40.75

## CITY OF HAVERHILL.

A. J. Northrop, aid to Charles A. Adams,	\$1.75	
W. E. Stone, aid to Charles A. Adams,	3.00	
	<hr/>	4.75

## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

W. E. Stone, aid to David D. Gilson,	\$ 7.00	7.00
--------------------------------------	---------	------

## CITY OF HOLYOKE.

J. W. Miller, aid to Mrs. Fred Meader,	13.14	
E. J. Kelley, aid to Mrs. Fred Meader,	34.71	
	<hr/>	47.95

## TOWN OF MONSON.

O. C. Marcy, aid to Ellen Pratt,	\$1.25	
E. Goodes, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	1.50	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Mrs. Lizzie Rice,	3.00	
	<hr/>	5.75

## CITY OF WORCESTER.

J. F. Merriam, aid to Mrs. Mary Kelley,	\$1.25	1.25
---	--------	------

## CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

G. W. Lent, aid to Thomas Richmond,	\$ 4.25	
Dr. L. H. Hendee, medical attendance to Thomas Richmond,	6 00	
T. D. Potter & Co., aid to Thomas Richmond,	34.50	

Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to Thomas Richmond,	\$41.50	
C. L. Holden, aid to Thomas Richmond,	29.00	
J. F. Holbrook, coal to H. J. Fisher,	10.13	
Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to Mrs. Fisher,	10.00	
D. L. Bodfish, aid to H. J. Fisher,	5.00	
E. Goodes, aid to H. J. Fisher,	3.25	
Mrs. O. D. Wells, aid to H. J. Fisher,	4.00	
Frederick Thompson, aid to H. J. Fisher,	11.00	
A. J. Northrop, aid to H. J. Fisher,	1.75	
J. M. Converse, aid to H. J. Fisher,	12.00	
E. B. Taylor, aid to H. J. Fisher,	28.00	
	<hr/>	200.38
TOWN OF CHESTER.		
Mrs. Orren Pratt, aid to the Caverly child,	\$22.00	22.00
	<hr/>	\$334.14

---

### POOR BELONGING TO THE STATE.

J. F. Holbrook, aid to Peter Langevin,	\$ 3.15	
Frederick Thompson, aid to Peter Langevin,	4.75	
E. B. Taylor, aid to Peter Langevin,	9.00	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Peter Langevin,	4.00	
Mrs. L. E. Carpenter, aid to Peter Langevin,	2.00	
E. Goodes, aid to Peter Langevin,	1.25	24.15
Boston & Albany R. R., transportation to Geo. S. LaRose,	6.62	
Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to Mary S. Hatherington,	7.00	
Mrs. R. S. Burpee, nursing Mary S. Hatherington,	10.00	17.00
J. B. Brown & Co., aid to Mrs. Melina Mason,	4.00	
H. G. Loomis, burial of A. J. Ballard,	20.00	
H. G. Loomis, paid watcher for A. J. Ballard,	3.50	23.50
Joseph Belanger, burial of Mrs. Oscar Dudley,	15.00	
J. F. Holbrook, ticket to Ireland to Patrick Shea,	37.50	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Patrick Shea,	4.00	
W. E. Stone, aid to Patrick Shea,	2.00	43.50

E. Goodes, aid to Frank Bamford,	\$ 6.50	
Truesdell & Brown, aid to Frank Bamford,	11.00	
Smith & Co., aid to Frank Bamford,	2.00	
J. B. Shaw, aid to Frank Bamford,	26.00	
John Shaw, aid to Frank Bamford,	3.00	48.50
W. E. Stone, aid to James Kelley,	6.00	
Walker & Kelley, aid to Andrew Young,	9.78	
M. Lawlor, aid to Andrew Young,	24.79	
J. W. Miller, aid to Andrew Young,	13.99	48.56
George Moore, aid to R. E. Miller,	9.00	
Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to Mrs.		
R. E. Miller,	4.00	
J. W. Loftus, burial of Sophia Worcinick,	8.00	
Dr. W. H. Bliss, medical attendance to Frank		
Bamford,	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$261.33

---

#### TRAMP ROOM.

A. O. Allen, care of tramp room,	\$60.00	
A. O. Allen, crackers for tramp room,	18.45	
A. O. Allen, working tramps,	48.45	
A. O. Allen, repairing sledge hammers,	2.90	
A. O. Allen, sledge handles,	.75	
Palmer Savings Bank, use of tramp room,	90.00	
	<hr/>	\$220.55
Number of tramps lodged during the year, 624.		

---

#### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

George W. Canterbury, plans and specifications,	30.00
W. H. Hitchcock, labor and material,	44.90
F. F. Marcy, lumber,	32.85
C. A. Brown & Co., paints and oil,	25.05
George E. Lent, carpenter work,	51.00
Daniel Crimmins, labor on repairs,	21.50

John Wilson, lead pipe, team and labor,	\$ 64.78	
T. D. Potter & Co., blinds, lumber and labor,	197.20	
F. N. Stearns, fire extinguishers,	28.00	
	<hr/>	\$495.28
Whole amount expended,		<hr/> \$6,820.22

### RECAPITULATION.

#### CASH RECEIVED.

Appropriation for support of poor,	\$6,000.00	
Special appropriation,	500.00	
Received from the State,	202.55	
"    "    Chicopee,	240.65	
"    "    Springfield,	36.75	
"    "    Holyoke,	74.62	
"    "    Pelham,	1.00	
"    "    Brimfield,	3.31	
"    "    Chester,	22.00	
"    "    Monson,	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$7,086.63

#### CASH PAID OUT.

Poor not on Town Farm,	\$3,565.92	
Poor on Town Farm,	1,943.00	
State poor,	261.33	
Tramp room,	220.55	
Other towns,	334.14	
Paid out of special appropriation,	495.28	\$6,820.22
		<hr/>
Balance,		\$266.41

#### CASH DUE.

From the State,	\$ 58.78	
From Springfield,	163.33	
From Gardner,	13.00	235.11
		<hr/>
		\$501.52
Outstanding bills (estimated),		485.00
		<hr/>
Net balance,		\$16.52

The Overseers would recommend \$6,000.00 as the amount to be appropriated for the coming year, with \$300.00 for the contingent fund.

WILLIAM MERRIAM,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor of Palmer.</i>
H. T. BISHOP,		
R. L. BOND,		

---

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Palmer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. K. GAMWELL,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
S. H. HELLYAR,		



# Report of the Board of Health.

---

The number of cases of contagious diseases reported for the year ending Feb. 28, 1897, is far less than in the previous year—last year 92, this year, 29,—but we are quite confident that all cases have not been reported which were contagious. There is a law, and a penalty attached, not only for physicians who refuse or neglect to report cases of a contagious nature, but for householders also. All will do well to take notice.

## DISEASES.

The contagious diseases reported:—Diphtheria, 12; typhoid fever, 8; measles, 6; scarlet fever, 2; croup, 1.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths reported is 119,—of this 8 were still born. Last year the number was 158.

Deaths by months:—March, 7; April, 11; May, 8; June, 14; July, 12; August, 13; September, 6; October, 5; November, 8; December, 11; January, 14; February, 9.

Twenty-five were under one year of age, (one-fourth of the whole number, aside from the still born.) Ten were between 1 and 5 years, 19 over 70, 5 over 80; oldest, 87. Males 67, females 52.

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption, 20; heart failure, 6; cholera infantum, 6; pneumonia, 5; croup, 5; paralysis, 5; accidental, 4; peritonitis, 4; kidney disease, 3; meningitis, 3; convulsions, 3; marasmus, 3; Bright's disease, 3; cancer, 2; uraemia, 2; asthma, 2; accidental drowning, 2; bronchitis, 2; apoplexy, 2; abscess, 2; dropsy, 2; cerebral congestion, 2; typhoid fever, 2; gastroenteritis, 2; jaundice, 2; nephritis, 1; fatty degeneration of heart, 1; anaemia, 1;

hepatitis, 1 ; ulceration of bowels, 2 ; cholera morbus, 1 ; infantile diarrhœa, 1 ; chronic cellulitis, 1 ; cerebral hemorrhage, 1 ; old age, 1 ; softening of brain, 1 ; enteritis, 1 ; rheumatism, 1 ; pleurisy, 1 ; ovaritis, 1.

The Board of Health would respectfully call attention to the following statutes relating to the reporting and recording of contagious diseases :

PUBLIC STATUTES, CHAP. 80, SEC. 78, ACTS OF 1884. CHAP. 98,  
AND ACTS OF 1891, CHAP. 188.

(1) When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such persons, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(2) When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is afflicted with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing, over his own signature, to the selectmen or board of health of the town ; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offense, not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

(3) The boards of health in the several cities and towns shall cause a record to be kept of all reports received in pursuance of the preceding section, and such record shall contain the names of all persons who are sick, the localities in any such cases. The boards of health shall give the school committee immediate information of all cases of contagious diseases reported to them, according to the provisions of this act.

(1) When the board of health of any city or town has had notice of the occurrence of a case of smallpox, or any other disease dangerous to the public health in such city or town, such board of health shall, within twenty-four hours after the receipt of such notice, notify the state board of the same.

(2) If the board of health of the city or town, in which a case of smallpox or any other disease dangerous to the public health has occurred, refuses or neglects to send a notice, as required in Section 1, such city or town shall forfeit its claim upon the commonwealth for the payment of any expenses which may be incurred, as provided in Section 83 of Chapter 80 of the Public Statutes.

In order to secure conformity in the execution of this statute, the state board suggests that, in addition to smallpox, the following diseases shall be considered as dangerous to the public health, within the meaning of the foregoing act: Scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, diphtheria, membranous croup, cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, cerebro-spinal meningitis, hydrophobia, malignant pustule, leprosy, trichinosis.

---

### SEWERS.

The sewers ordered at the last annual meeting have been completed, but some of the abutters have not entered. It is advised by the Board of Health that all abutters (where there is a public sewer) enter without delay, as there is a penalty where they fail to do so. The penalty is a forfeiture to the town of a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

---

### NUISANCES.

Quite a number have been reported, and have been attended to by the Board.

We think there is less tuberculous disease among the cattle than one year ago.

We would recommend that \$300 be raised for the use of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HOLBROOK, *Chairman.*

# Young Men's Library Association.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

The record of the past year is a very satisfactory one, and is as follows :—

Number of volumes in Library March 1, 1896,	4,271
Volumes purchased during the year,	314
Volumes donated during the year,	43
	<hr/> 357
Present number of volumes,	<hr/> 4,628

Over one hundred additional new volumes have just been received at the Library, but too late to be accessioned and included in the year's list of additions. This will make more than four hundred volumes to be paid for from last year's appropriation. While this is a gratifying exhibit, the circulation for the year is still more so, and compares with the previous year as follows :—

	1896-7.	1895-6.
Volumes loaned during the year, fiction,	12,842	9,385
Volumes loaned during the year, other classes,	3,758	2,888
Total,	<hr/> 16,600	<hr/> 12,273

An increase of over 35 per cent in circulation, and so large an advance over the record of any year in the history of the Library, both as to number of volumes purchased and their circulation, are surely very encouraging features of the year's work, and clearly indicate that a liberal appropriation, wisely expended in the purchase of new and desirable books, would meet with prompt appreciation and a much larger use of the Library.

Many valuable books in the different classes have been added during the year, and a number of kind friends have donated not a few of them. It is the aim of the Library to furnish our people with "the best" in literature so far as the funds at its command will permit, and it is believed that the voters will to this end cheerfully continue the same appropriation as last year.

CHAS. B. FISKE, *Librarian.*

---

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

---

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1896,	\$ 152.73
Received for memberships,	40.00
From fines, and catalogues sold,	12.80
G. A. R., for coal, (2 years),	42.05
Publishers' Weekly, rebate,	5.00
Town of Palmer,	1,000.00

### EXPENDITURES.

New Books,	\$306.17
Papers and Magazines,	63.91
Rebinding Books,	69.10
Miss May E. Robinson, attendant at Library,	166.67
Janitor,	97.00
Fuel and lights,	227.56
Supplies,	4.30
Freight, cartage, express, &c.,	34.55
Cash in treasury,	283.32
	<hr/>
	\$1,252.58    \$1,252.58

LOUIS E. CHANDLER, *Treasurer.*

---

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the treasurer of the Young Men's Library Association, and find them correct in every respect.

JOHN F. TWISS.

Palmer, March 4th, 1897.

## Report of Prosecuting Committee.

---

The special difficulties encountered by the Committee will be readily recognized by all; but we have endeavored faithfully to perform the work assigned us with the following results :

Fifteen search warrants have been served under our direction. Twelve of these resulted in securing liquors which were forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Seventy-four cases against seventeen persons have been successfully prosecuted in our District Court, and fines amounting to \$3,750.00 imposed. Four hundred dollars in fines have been paid into the town treasury, and one hundred dollars have been worked out in jail by one offender. Twenty-three cases in which sentence was given have been appealed to the Superior Court, and thirty-nine cases now await sentence in our District Court.

Of the twenty-three cases appealed to the Superior Court, two only have yet been tried, one resulting in a disagreement of the jury, and one in an acquittal. In the first case the defendants have since closed up their place of business, and in the other the offender has not only closed out his business, but has left town.

The members of the Committee have worked without compensation, and all fees received by them for services as officers and witnesses have been used in the prosecution of the work.

Amount appropriated by the town,	\$600.00
Amount expended by the committee on account of town,	600.00
Amount of fines paid over to the town,	400.00

FRANK E. JENKINS,  
G. S. BUTLER,  
L. H. GAGER.

# Report of Thorndike Schoolhouse Building Committee.

---

PALMER, MASS., JAN. 31, 1897.

*To the Honorable Selectmen of the Town of Palmer,*

GREETING :

The committee appointed by the Town to build a new schoolhouse at Thorndike beg to make to the Town the following report :

Appropriation,		\$16,000.00
Expenditures,	\$15,954.57	
	<hr/>	
Balance,		\$45.43
EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.		
Chas. S. Ruggles, contract for building	\$11,650.00	
Chas. S. Ruggles, contract for adamant,	125.00	
Chas. S. Ruggles, extras not in contract,	176.78	
Chas. S. Ruggles, extra account of U. S.		
School Furniture Co.,	44.46	
	<hr/>	\$11,996.24
Smith & Anthony Co., contract for heat-		
ing, &c.,	\$2,100.00	
Smith & Anthony Co., nine grate bars, extra	13.80	
	<hr/>	2,113.80
U. S. School Furniture Co., contract for		
seats and desks,	\$740.00	
U. S. School Furniture Co., less account		
C. S. Ruggles,	44.46	
	<hr/>	695.54
Harwood Mfg. Co., contract for seats for assembly hall,		196.00
Geo. W. Lyman, moving old building, &c.,		253.45
F. R. Richmond, making plans,		275.00
Springfield Union, advertising,		5.13

Springfield Republican, advertising,	2.55
C. B. Fiske & Co., advertising,	1.38
L. E. Moore, express paid on plans to New York and Boston,	.50
J. W. Miller, unloading and storing school furniture,	5.50
John F. Loftus, team to cart hall seats to schoolhouse,	1.50
Andrew Brosnan, work on sewers at schoolhouse,	9.00
P. J. Nelligan & Co., 150 yards concrete at 50c yard,	75.00
Forbes & Wallace, shades for school building,	79.44
F. Granger Clark, installing five call bells,	12.00
Central Mass. Electric Co., wiring schoolhouse,	34.54
Taylor's Music House, one second-hand piano and stool,	198.00
	<hr/>
	\$15,954.57

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HOBBS,	} <i>Building Committee.</i>
PATRICK CROWLEY,	
H. E. W. CLARK,	
GEORGE M. ATKINS,	



# Report of Committee on Town Debt.

---

PALMER, MASS., March 4, 1897.

Your Committee find the indebtedness of the town to be \$44,275, held by the Palmer Savings Bank. Eight thousand dollars of this amount was incurred in paying for land damages caused by the separation of grade crossings, and as some portion of this amount will be repaid by state and railroad, your Committee think it will not be necessary to borrow the whole amount named.

We recommend the issue of 32 bonds of \$500 each, to be known as "school bonds," dated May 1, 1897, the first four (4) to be paid Nov. 1, 1898, and four each year thereafter, (the Massachusetts statutes do not permit a bond issued for school purposes to exceed a ten-year period,) interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, May 1 and Nov. 1.

We recommend the issue of 48 bonds of \$500 each for the purpose of funding the balance of the \$40,000 debt, in addition to the above-named "school bonds" to be dated May 1, 1897, the first four payable Nov. 1, 1906, and four each year thereafter, and interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, May 1 and Nov. 1. The principal and interest of all bonds issued payable at the office of the Town Treasurer in Palmer, the bonds to be signed by the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and certified by the Town Auditors.

The above recommendation contemplates the issuing of bonds to pay for school buildings already constructed amounting to \$16,000, and for funding the remaining town debt to the amount of \$24,000, in all amounting to \$40,000, and provision commencing Nov. 1, 1898, for paying \$2,000 per annum upon the principal.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HOBBS,	} Committee.
GEO. M. ATKINS,	
J. B. SHAW,	
A. L. HILLS,	

# Town Warrant.

---

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.  
HAMPDEN,

*To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer,*

## GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen, to wit : In Precinct A, at the Engine House on Park street in the Depot Village ; in Precinct B, at Union Hall on Commercial street in Thorndike ; in Precinct C, at the room occupied by the Athletic Club near the dwelling house of Charles S. Ruggles on East Main street in Three Rivers ; and in Precinct D, at Liberty Hall on Main street in Bondsville, on Monday, the 15th day of March, A. D., 1897, at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers, to wit : Three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, all for the term of one year ; one Overseer of the Poor for the term of three years ; two members of the School Committee for the term of three years ; two members of the School Committee for the term of one year ; one member of the Board of Health for the term of three years ; one member of the Board of Health for the term of one year ; also to vote by ballot which it shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 29th day of March, A. D., 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose two or more field drivers, measurers of wood and bark, and all other usual town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a town library, raise and appropriate money therefor, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting its streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and intrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take with regard to licensing non-resident peddlers.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to funding its debt.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lockup.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and authorize its treasurer to borrow money, to construct such section of state highway as said Highway Commission may lay out within the town.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer or sewers in Park street, School street and Pearl street, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to locate an arc electric light on the road leading from Northrop's cider mill to the Carpet mill, at or near a walnut tree on the right hand side of said road.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to locate an electric light at or near the corner of Pine and Pond streets, in the Depot Village.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk from the store of Maurice Lawlor to the upper crossing of the Ware River Railroad near the dwelling house of Michael Roche in Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new hearse, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries of the town officers or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk from the lumber yard of T. D. Potter & Co. to a point near Parent's store in Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk from the post office in Bondsville to the bridge near the Athol depot, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk on Main street in Thorndike from Commercial street to a point near the dwelling house of George W. Keith, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Main street in Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 38. To see if the town will accept and allow a road as laid out by the selectmen in the Depot Village, and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone monument on the Westerly side and at the Northerly terminus of Grove street and at the Southeast corner of land of Julia A. Blodgett, thence N. 36 degrees W. 198 feet to a stone monument, thence N. 12 degrees W. 214½ feet to a stone monument, thence N. 0 degrees 40 minutes E. 540 feet to a stone monument at the Southeast corner of land of George W. Powers; said road is laid out 50 feet wide on the Westerly side of the line described.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to purchase, or take under the statutes, the land of John M. Converse, Northerly of and for an addition to the cemetery in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow a road as laid out by the selectmen in the Depot Village and described as

follows, viz: Beginning at the end of Central street and running in the same direction as Central street about 150 feet through land of Oliver LaSalle to land of Charles E. Dewey.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1897.

JOHN F. TWISS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES T. BRAINERD,	
GEORGE M. ATKINS,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Palmer.</i>

A true copy—Attest:

H. A. NORTHROP, *Constable of Palmer.*













